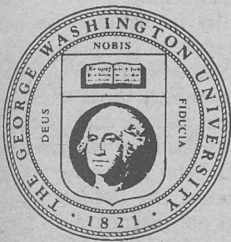


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Vtyurina slams her way to record Raucous crowd views 'best feeling ever'

BY JARED SHER
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

Svetlana Vtyurina carved herself a piece of history Saturday night, riding a massive wave of support to capture one of the highest individual honors in collegiate sports.

The senior volleyball star from Moscow achieved what every competitor dreams of but few can accomplish. Her 2,933rd kill set the all-time NCAA record, making her the most prolific offensive player in collegiate volleyball history.

"It was the best feeling ever," Vtyurina said. "I've never, never felt like that."

A kill, a shot the opponent fails to return, is the most potent weapon in volleyball. Vtyurina reached the pinnacle of her career with the record-setting shot through the Duquesne defense Saturday.

The powerful slam down the middle of the court sent the crowd of 1,090 into a frenzy, and University officials stopped the match to let Vtyurina and her fans celebrate.

She said the crowd was the greatest she has ever played in front of. "I love those guys," she said. "It means so much to me that I've got so much support. I just wanted to do it for them. They're so great."

Head coach Susie Homan also recognized the fan support. "It's one of my most special moments ... at GW," she said. "It makes such a difference when you're on campus and you have a crowd and the people can cheer. That makes it more special."

Vtyurina and her teammates embraced at midcourt before she received a plaque from the school. She then momentarily joined her family in the stands.

The star hitter entered Saturday night's match needing just 16 kills to set the all-time record. She said, however, that she was not nervous until the third game in the best of five series against Atlantic 10 rival Duquesne. In fact, she said she was more concerned with lingering injuries to her knee and neck.

"I just tried to forget about it," she said. "Yeah, I was worried about my neck. I had a heatpack on (it) all day. If anything could go wrong, that would be it."

Nonetheless, her first kill attempt of the match fell short into the net. Then, her second attempt was blocked by the Lady Dukes' defense.

She finally got the monkey off her back with her first smash through the line. She loosened up and got the second kill two plays later. Midway through the first game, she moved into the front line and the kills came more frequently.

She finished the first game with six kills and began the second set with back-to-back shots. GW cruised through game 2, though, and Vtyurina was held to five kills.

That left her needing another five to set the record. She kicked off game 3 with another shot across the court before moving into the front line again. As she did, the tension in the Smith Center picked up. Vtyurina's first attempt from the front line sailed wide right.

The Duquesne defense stiffened on the next play, saving a Vtyurina kill attempt and then blocking her in the same sequence. But Vtyurina toughened as well, turning a Jill Lammert dig into a smash down the line that pulled her within one kill of tying the record.

As she pulled within grasp of the
(See VTYURINA, p. 14A)

RECORD BREAKER

**SVETLANA VTYURINA HOLDS
THREE NCAA RECORDS:**

***MOST KILLS, CAREER: 2,936**

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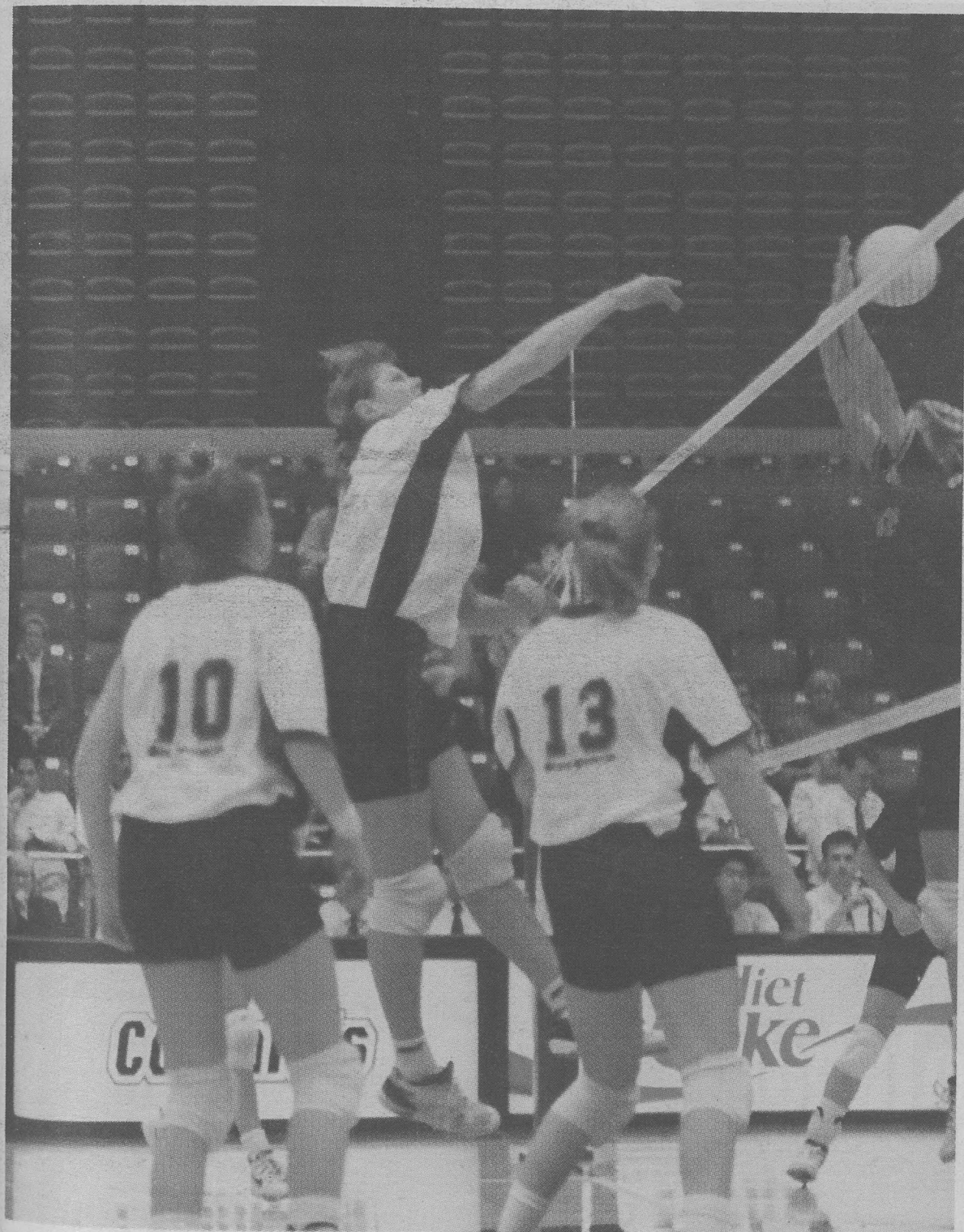


photo by Tyson Trish

2,933:

Svetlana Vtyurina powered past the University of New Orleans' Javonne Brooks and into the NCAA record book. She set the all-time record for kills Saturday night, becoming the most prolific offensive player in collegiate volleyball history.

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Talkin' loud and sayin' nothing

Overloaded on sports? You won't get any rest here!

In case you haven't noticed, this issue of The GW Hatchet (what George Washington skims) is a big ol' sports orgy. Hoop. Sveta. Sveta. Hoop. ("Svetahoop" also being a hit song by Us3. Rimshot, por favor.)

Who am I to buck the trend? I know my sports and have a firm grasp on those esoteric sports colloquialisms. I shoot a little hoop. I spike a little v-ball. I season a little poultry.

So let's take a gander at the big bubbling cauldron of sweat-laden athletic prowess that is the campus of George Washington University,

shall we? You'll notice that the end of the Cold War did a helluva lot of good for GW athletics. We now have one Russian volleyball player; one Romanian, one Yugoslav and four Belorussian basketball players; and a Russian assistant basketball coach. The University will have to buy a scoreboard that reads in Cyrillic.



David Larimer

"What's the score?"

"Ææ - ØøY."

"Who's winning?"

"It's tied."

On the front page, for example, you can read about the wondrous

Svetlana Vtyurina, she of the soon-to-be-untouchable NCAA career kills record. They've got to retire her jersey before the sweat even gets

a chance to dry. That No. 5 deserves to be hanging from the rafters. Hanging the spandex shorts might be a bad idea, though. Do you realize what spandex would look like after a year of hanging in the air collecting dust? Two words: used condom.

Everyone was at her record-breaking performance Saturday night at the Smith Center. Big Steve. Bobby Chernak, wearing one of those oversized GW hooded jackets in a misguided attempt to look like the fourth member of Naughty By Nature ("If you ain't never been to the JBKO, don't ever come to the JBKO, 'cause you wouldn't understand the JBKO"). It's about time a team which has gone 112-27 and counting over the past four years gets some respect.

The crowd at the match was live, thanks to the antics of 14 Feet O' Fun, Andrei and the Yegormeister. Princes, those two. You'd never once see UMass hoopsters Marcus Camby and Edgar Padilla sacrifice their egos to act like complete freaks at a volleyball match. But there Dr. Drei and the Yegormeister were Saturday night, partying like rock stars.

The Yegormeister had a different dance move for every single one of Sveta's kills. After her first, he bowed, those arms of his disturbing spectators 12 rows ahead of him. After No. 3, he did the "Hip Hop Hooray." At No. 5, he was attempting to fly. By No. 10, he was stirring the soup. At No. 12, he waved his extended arms in front of him at waist level with a little "K" flier in each hand, making him look like an

enormous turnstile. At one point, when Sveta got hung up on 2,131, he appeared to be talking to the fliers, apparently checking to see if he had broken them.

Eventually he teamed up with Andrei Sviridov for the best move of the night: Stretching a GW warm-up jacket between them with one arm in each sleeve and fliers in their hands, the duo walked sideways along the running track, wearing two of the dopiest smiles ever pasted on Belorussian faces. Word has it that the duo is now available to perform at weddings, office parties and bar mitzvahs.

But not during basketball season in which the two are all business, as is indicated by their contributions to GW's 247-nyet flogging of Russian club team Dinamo (which, by the way, is Russian for "See you next year, Coach Jarvis"). The Belorussian contingent figures to contribute so much to the team this year that a specially tailored chant cannot be too far in the future.

That's no easy task, however. The Latin flavor of the GW pep band's retooling of "Oye Como Va" last year wouldn't exactly translate to "Andrei, Andrei, Sasha - and Yegor!" And "Nationalize oil!" doesn't exactly roll off the tongue.

Perhaps Drei and the Yegormeister (he's going to hate that nickname more than death itself by the end of this season) can come up with something. Just as long as it doesn't involve them stopping the game to stumble side-by-side down the court like an outbreak from a Godzilla movie.

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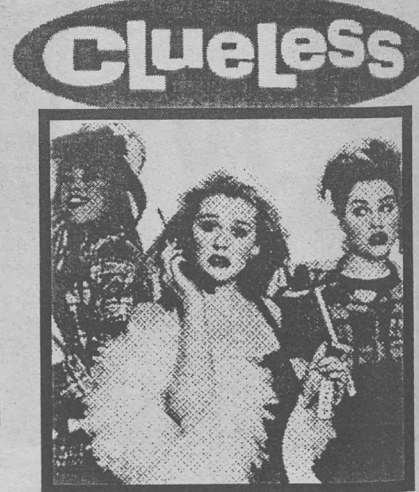
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GW professor arrested in Va.

Theater professor allegedly impersonated police officer

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN
NEWS EDITOR

GW theater professor Bradley Sabelli was arrested Nov. 7 for allegedly impersonating a police officer when he stopped two girls who were driving recklessly in Centreville, Va., on Oct. 23.

According to police reports, Sabelli, 47, was driving west on Northbourne Drive at about 8 p.m. when he said he approached a vehicle that "appeared to be weaving within its lane." In an attempt to get the car to pull over, Sabelli placed a flashing red light in his front windshield.

The occupants of the other car, two girls from Centreville, ages 16 and 18, refused to pull over at first, but allowed Sabelli to follow for several blocks with the flashing light on, the police report said.

Finally, at the intersection of Choptank Court and Indian Rock Road, the girls stopped at a red light and Sabelli allegedly pulled up beside them, rolled down his window and implied he was an off duty police officer and could write the driver a ticket.

The girls told police they were not convinced Sabelli was a real police officer, so they took down his license plate number when he drove away. They later called police. Sabelli was arrested last Tuesday and charged with "falsely assuming or exercising the function or duty of a police officer," the police report stated.

Sabelli was released on a summons pending a court hearing. If

convicted, he could face a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

According to The Washington Post, Sabelli told police he didn't like the way the girl was driving.

"A police officer who saw driving behavior like that would stop someone," Officer Cheryl Watson said. "But obviously it doesn't give someone else a right to put a flashing red light in their dashboard and do it."

Sabelli did not return several messages left at his office last week for comment on the incident. He has been a theater professor at GW for 20 years, said Leslie Jacobson, chairman of the theatre and dance department.

University officials could not comment on the incident because it is considered a "personnel matter," according to Mike Freedman, director of public affairs. Freedman did say, however, that in any case, Sabelli should be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Linda Salamon, vice president of Academic Affairs, called the arrest "a civil matter," which occurred nowhere near the GW campus and did not affect GW students in any way. Therefore, she said the University will not involve itself in the matter through the judicial process.

Freedman said the University might have reason to get involved if Sabelli is convicted in court, though. He said the University has a faculty code of conduct to evaluate incidents like this, and if con-

victed, "the issue would be looked at to see if it merited further attention." He added, though, that he thought this crime was just a misdemeanor, and not a crime of "moral turpitude."

Jacobson, who said she has known Sabelli for 18 years, agreed with Freedman. She said she thought Sabelli acted with the best intentions, because he was worried the girls "would kill themselves or someone else."

"It was possible that he did save lives," Jacobson added. "(Sabelli) is one of the most moral and decent people I know."

She said Sabelli will "absolutely" continue teaching at the University for the time being, as he is one of the most "valued members of the department."



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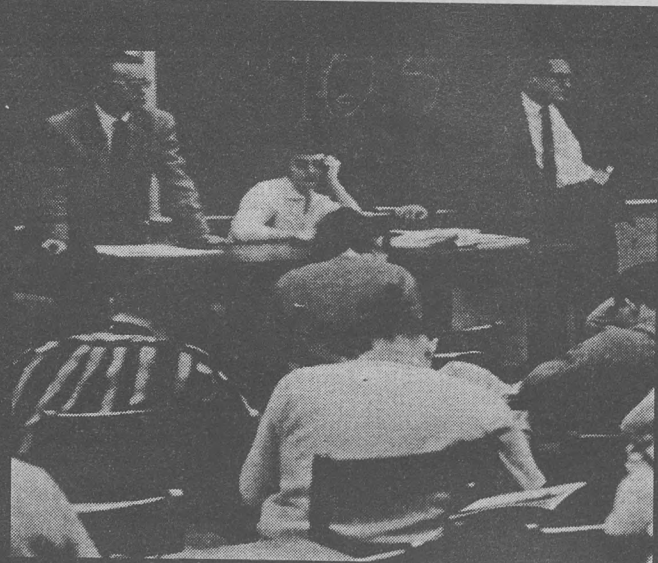
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Thanks, David.



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A salute to Sveta

Svetlana Vtyurina, the new NCAA all-time leader in career kills, may not be grabbing the newspaper and TV coverage she deserves. She may not be cheered on by sellout crowds or backed by a band or cheerleaders. But her latest record confirms – if that was even necessary in the first place – that she is the greatest athlete in GW history.

Vtyurina has not only rewritten the GW volleyball record books, but she has done it in true student-athlete fashion. She will graduate in May with a degree in finance, has interned at the World Bank and figures to be an Academic All-American for the third consecutive year.

This all makes us wonder what accounted for the disappointing indifference with which the media greeted the milestone. Other than cameras from WJLA-7 and "The George Michael Sports Machine," no media members were present. Vtyurina's achievement was hailed with exactly two sentences in The Washington Post. Even support from the Department of Athletics seemed a bit lukewarm, as the band and cheerleaders were nowhere to be found.

The 1,090 fans in attendance, however, realized the momentousness of the occasion, showing perhaps the most genuine emotion at a GW game since the men's basketball team's victory over No. 1 Massachusetts last year. While it was not the biggest crowd ever to see a volleyball match at GW, head coach Susie Homan called it the best.

These fans appreciated the opportunity to see history in the making and to express gratitude not only to Vtyurina, but to fellow seniors Jill Lammert, Brenda Paz-Soldan and Khoun Ta, who established GW's volleyball program as one of the best on the East Coast. They knew how special Saturday night was, even though few outside the campus did.

Trainwreck

It is difficult to decipher what exactly is more disturbing as the federal government faces its fourth shutdown since 1990: the fact that it is happening or the fact it seems to be becoming routine. President Clinton, Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.) and Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) have become so engrossed in their political games that they do not seem to realize what is at stake.

Congress has failed to pass nine of 13 appropriations bills for a fiscal year which is now a month-and-a-half old. The federal government is running the risk of defaulting on its loans for the first time in its history, a potential disaster for the biggest debtor nation in the world.

But you wouldn't know it by observing Capitol Hill's talking heads, who appear far less concerned about a budget crisis than in painting the other side as the bad guy. Both top Republicans and Democrats have spun yarns about their willingness to compromise and the obstinance of the other side. They have gotten into protracted arguments over who will meet with whom at what meeting. Does anyone remember the promises to avoid a train wreck at all costs? Now the car is stalled on the tracks, and Clinton, Dole and Gingrich are arguing over who should ride shotgun.

Nearly half of Washington's federal work force will arrive at work Tuesday to find it has been furloughed, and 3.6 million federal workers nationwide will not receive pay. Of course, that number does not include the 535 federal workers that make up Congress or the one living in the White House. Yes, they are essential government workers, but would any of this nonsense happen every year if their paychecks were at stake?

Garbage in the District will not be picked up during the work stoppage. The only question left is, will it match the stench coming from our government leaders?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

Our Foggy Bottom hats are off to the GW Student Association for its most successful Foggy Bottom Cleanup on Nov. 4.

Despite the early hour, a host of volunteers (at least 150) were assigned various tasks in locations around the area. Some hours later they left behind newly painted walls, cleaner streets, neatly piled bags of trash and impressed neighbors.

Thanks, gals and guys. You were terrific. Let's do it again sometime. Your friendliness, energy and enthusiasm are infectious!

—Ellie Becker

No conversation

Has the assassination of one the world's greatest leaders gone completely unnoticed by the University faculty?

The Monday after the weekend assassination of Israel's Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, even The GW Hatchet had a front page story covering the news ("Students join embassy vigil for Rabin," Nov. 6, front page). I was eagerly anticipating the nearly assured discussions I would have in class on Monday, if not throughout the week. You can imagine my surprise, I hope, to see that not one of my professors managed to mention either as an aside, casually, or in depth, the assassination of Rabin.

Being an Elliott School of International Affairs student, I thought for sure that this sort of event would be exactly what the professors would be anxious to cover. What better way to apply class lectures – dare we deviate from the day's agenda – to discuss international affairs, as the school is titled, and to talk about how the world may be affected?

Honestly, it led me to wonder just what it is exactly that I am

paying for here at GW if a week can go by and the professors are behaving as if nothing at all unusual shook up our little world. Thank goodness for the school paper and campus organization to get the word out to the poor souls who don't have television or access to the newspapers.

It takes more than a stellar freshman class to make a university. I hope the professors take note of this and will be more responsive in the future.

—Alexis P. Moore

Park it

Your columnist Graham Klemm has just received either a speeding ticket or a parking ticket, judging from his commentary on law enforcement in the Thursday, Nov. 9 issue of The GW Hatchet ("Law enforcement's fund-raising fervor lets real crooks off hook," p. 4).

Mr. Klemm purports that law enforcement in our nation focuses on menial crimes (misdemeanors) for revenue generation at the expense of major crimes (presumably felonies), whose main enforcement purpose is deterrence.

One flaw in Mr. Klemm's argument is that the two "crimes" he mentions aren't misdemeanors – they aren't even really crimes. They are violations.

Parking violations are not enforced by cops. Therefore, any impact they have on the criminal justice system is imagined. And yes, parking violations bring in a lot of revenue, but given the financial state of our city, what's wrong with that? Our choices are higher taxes or revenue from drivers (and parkers) who violate parking rules (which, like misdemeanors and felonies, do serve their own purpose).

Similarly, I cannot subscribe to the blanket statement that police give speeding tickets for revenue only and have no interest in chang-

ing the behavior of the driver. Ignoring the question begged, whether a speeding ticket can and does deter future speeding (and whether the reason for giving the ticket would have any effect on that), the larger proposition is that speed enforcement detracts from catching felons.

It has been my experience that, in large cities at least, little speed enforcement occurs anyway, that being left to state police on our nation's highways. However, it is true that the cops who enforce general traffic violations are the same ones who "should be" catching the thief and the murderer.

Being a pedestrian, it is my observation that enforcement of moving violations on D.C. streets does not occur either (presumably they're out catching criminals?). I am now more concerned with being run down by a driver ignoring a red light than being mugged or killed. I also have a bit more faith in law enforcement's ability to prioritize its time enforcing more serious crimes, judging by the treatment I received when my bike was recently stolen. Being sworn to uphold the law, however, officers cannot simply ignore speeders and traffic violators because their behavior is not as serious as thieves and murderers.

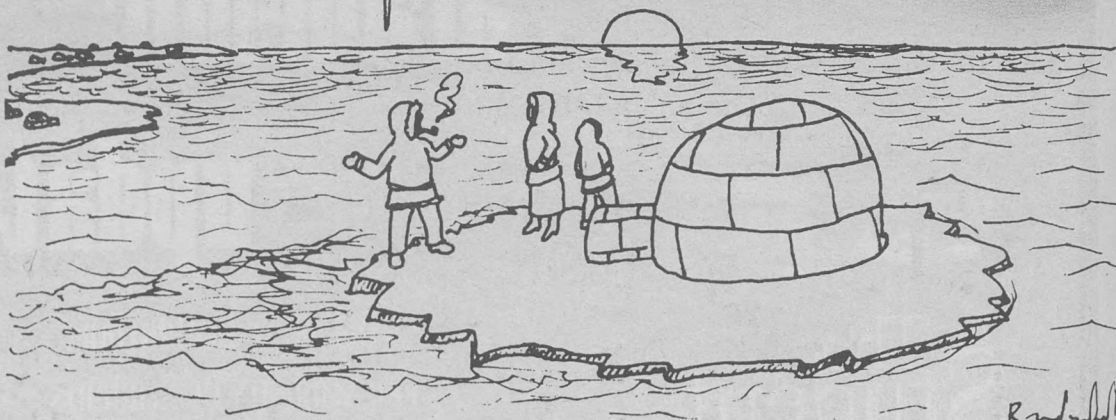
Finally, even if all our law enforcement resources were focused on major crimes, I'm unsure that it would achieve the sort of societal (or even individual) behavior modification that Mr. Klemm seems to think it will. Criminals don't seem to be deterred by punishment anymore.

Unfortunately, as a society we seem bent on retribution and incapacitation as punishment goals, rather than deterrence and rehabilitation. That, and not revenue generation, should be what bothers us the most.

—Peter Perkowski

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by Brandon Dell'Aglio 11-13-95

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Trachtenberg says paycheck is justified

GW president defends \$300,000 salary

BY AMY MAIO
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said a recent article in the Chronicle of Higher Education claiming his \$300,000 per year salary is higher than that of some Ivy League school presidents is probably correct, but he added it is not out of line in comparison to the average presidential salary at other institutions.

"The president of Adelphi University in New York makes \$523,000, (and) the president of Boston University makes \$564,000," Trachtenberg said. With regard to the length of his tenure at GW, Trachtenberg noted that his salary is not outrageous.

Trachtenberg became GW's president eight years ago, and most of the Ivy League presidents referred to in the article had not yet taken office at the time. When he began at GW, Trachtenberg said his salary was much lower, and has increased through the years.

He pointed out that the criteria for measuring a particular salary should not be based on the institution itself, but rather on a number of factors, including the length of employment, the amount of success the person has had in the position and the complexity of the job.

An Ivy League institution does-

n't necessarily translate into a complex job, Trachtenberg said. "I'd guess it's probably easier to run an institution with a \$5 billion endowment than one with a \$300 million dollar endowment," Trachtenberg said, referring to the amount of GW's funding.

Board of Trustees Chairman John Zeglis agreed, saying he doesn't think it is unusual that Trachtenberg makes as much as he does. "When he came here, (Trachtenberg's salary) was begun at what the market rate was" for university presidents.

Zeglis said the board formally reviews Trachtenberg's salary yearly and bases any increases on the cost of living, the market rate for university presidents and the most important factor, Trachtenberg's performance.

"Steve is good, he's real good," Zeglis said, adding that working at a non-Ivy League institution should not automatically mean a lower salary. When evaluating the president's performance, Zeglis said, the board considers how much of an impact Trachtenberg has on improving GW's reputation. He added that all the trustees agree that Trachtenberg consistently meets their expectations.

"Who says Steve isn't better than Ivy League presidents?" Zeglis asked. "He's doing a terrific job."

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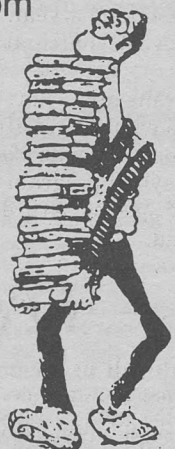
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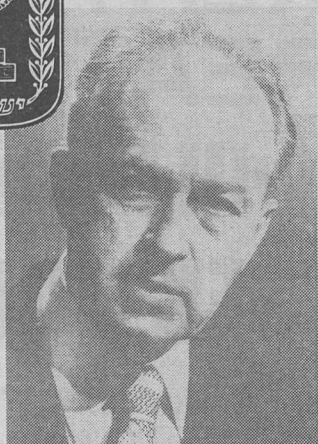
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GW crosses borders in a 'strange lunch'

BY JENNIFER RELLIS
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

At an international university such as GW, students are surrounded by strangers. Saturday in Colonial Commons, students from America, England, Israel, Brazil, Germany and Korea had an opportunity to bridge the cultural barriers that keep them apart at a Unity Week activity called "A Stranger Kind of Lunch."

The free lunch was supposed to encourage American students to invite a stranger who has been in this country for less than two years, and to entice foreign exchange students to invite an American whom they did not know.

Elliott School of International Affairs senior Ellen Bienstock said a stranger is "someone who is physically close but psychologically remote." She created the program in response to her experience in an international communication class at GW and a semester abroad in Grenoble, France.

The lunch had no set schedule of events. Instead, Bienstock encouraged students to eat and discuss their differing perspectives on current events, ways of adjusting to foreign cultures, stereotypes and life-cycle events.

The program was co-sponsored by the Program Board and the communication department. PB Multicultural Affairs Chair Jason Toney said his goal for the afternoon was to give "international and American students a venue and opportunity to exercise communication in a non-stressful situation ... and create friendships."

Senior Josh Gunn, who took the same class as Bienstock, invited Sarah Ashcroft, an exchange student from Manchester, England, to the lunch. Gunn said it was a "great program" and it was unfortunate more people did not attend. He added that GW was "flagged with the stranger syndrome," and Ashcroft agreed by saying she has found the University unfriendly so far.

Heather O'Connor, a senior who spent the last year in Ireland, met a Korean student at the lunch. She said the program was a good idea and is helping in her re-adjustment to America.

Bienstock said she was satisfied with the turnout. Although no definite plans exist to continue the program at this point, she encouraged other people to work on similar events. She said she "hoped the lunch would be a start for people to continue to reach out to strangers."

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When Nature calls fans of original Ace to stay home

BY TRYG OLSEN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

I've been waiting since seeing the preview. I've seen the original movie hundreds of times. I've studied the man's career. I've done everything possible, but I still don't think *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls* (Warner Bros.) is funny.

Jim Carrey returns as Ace in what is pretty much the same movie as the original. Except not as funny. The first scene, in which Ace tries and fails to save a raccoon in the Himalayan Mountains, isn't even funny. So much for setting the mood for the rest of the film with a well-crafted opening.

Ace is so tormented by the animal's torturous death that he becomes a Tibetan monk. Fulton Greenwall (Ian McNeice from *The Year of the Comet*), a representative of the Bonai province, comes to him to enlist his help in finding the Shikaka, the missing sacred animal of the Wachaat tribe. If Ace fails, Greenwall warns, the rival Wachootoo tribe will kill the Wachaat.

Ace has a large list of suspects (four) to target in his search for the Shikaka. He checks out two of them and declares he is out of suspects. It's not a hard case to solve though. At least with *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*, the writers came through with surprise ending with

the revelation of Lois Einhorn.

That's pretty much the entirety of *When Nature Calls*. Absolutely no big stars are in it, in comparison to *Pet Detective*, which boasted Courteney Cox and Sean Young. Carrey's new inflated salary demands must not leave much room to pay other known actors.

The whole movie is a big, ironic joke. The Shikaka is a bat, and Ace hates bats. Didn't we already see Carrey playing a character that loathes bats last summer?

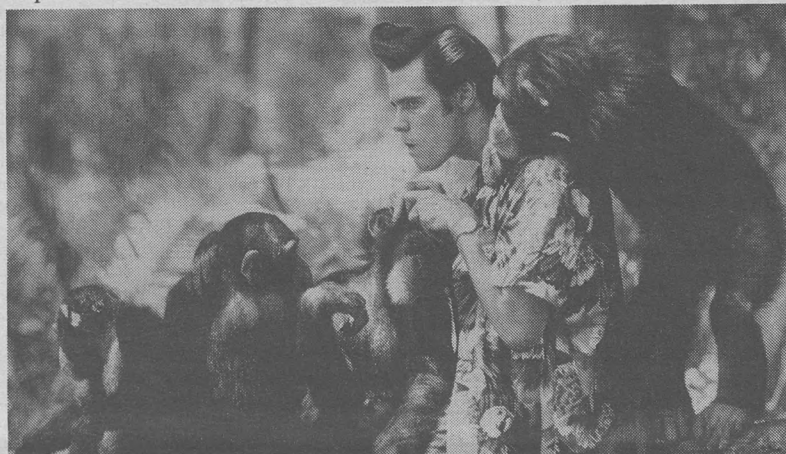
For my money, *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls* is the fault of writer Steve Oedekerk. The sequences and characters' motiva-

tions are never clear. Why does Ace shout his trademark lines, like "Looooooooosser!" at times when he isn't talking to anyone?

And later, Ace ties up and forcefully interrogates an innocent man. *When Nature Calls* gets way past silly and into kind of disturbing.

Carrey does his best to save this movie, but even he can't succeed. *When Nature Calls* is doomed to go the way of great movies and bad sequels.

You probably shouldn't see *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*. If you do, rent the original afterward so you can still equate Ace Ventura with comedy.



Carrey's high salary must have left the producers of *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls* unable to pay other human actors and a talented writer.

Ween's talent, humor goes unnoticed at Bayou

BY HEATHER HARE
HATCHET REPORTER

Ween played the Bayou Friday night before a crowd of Gap-wearing, Liz Claiborne-smelling, light beer-drinking, Georgetown elitist-being, white baseball cap-sporting, pseudo-moshing Generation X wanna-bes.

The show was a benefit for the D.C. soup kitchen Martha's Table sponsored by L&G Productions, Inc.

Aside from the crowd, the show was excellent. Ween went on at midnight and played for two hours. It was only Gene and Dean Ween, with recordings substituting for the rest of the band. The crowd was disappointed by this, especially because Dean required long pauses between songs to operate the recording equipment.

If the crowd stopped complaining and started listening, though, it would have heard Gene and Dean's witty banter.

Ween played many songs from its most recent album, *Chocolate and Cheese* (Elektra). They performed their unusual music, singing things such as "Spinal Meningitis got me down" and "Mister, will you please help my pony?/He's over there looking at me/He can't talk because he's a pony." Ween also performed "Don't Shit Where You Eat," "Buenas Tardes Amigo" and the popular "Voodoo Lady."

The moody crowd actually danced to "Voodoo Lady." It was one of the few songs the whole audience knew, thanks to play as a Buzz Clip on MTV. The brothers Ween said they hadn't planned on playing the song, but the crowd pushed them into it. Dean said he couldn't remember it, reminding the audience that "If it sucks it's your fault."

Ween played cuts off its forthcoming album *Have You Ever Loved a Fool*. One song, the country-style "Piss up a Rope," was received well.

Ween plays many different styles, with the albums being a collection of experiments in genres. The show at the Bayou included everything from country to carnival to Spanish ballads. The crowd seemed to miss most of Ween's sincere talent and hysterical humor. The giggles and shouts came from the die-hard fans lined up against the wall.

Near the end of the concert, when many in the crowd realized Ween wasn't going to play the popular tunes they wanted to hear, the place cleared out. Only the real fans remained, and Ween became much more personable. Gene and Dean asked the fans what they wanted to hear and played the requests.

Opening band Five State Drive played its catchy pop-punk to a sparse crowd. The lead singer sounded a bit like Billy Corgan of Smashing Pumpkins, droning on and repeating himself much like Corgan. A fire-spitter came out on stage during the last song, "Fire." Unfortunately, he was quickly shooed off the stage after only two fireballs.

Spider Monkey followed Five State Drive. By this time the crowd had grown in number and also in the level of obnoxiousness. Spider Monkey's guitarist, bassist and drummer fit with the music and the band, but the lead singer seemed a bit out of place.

He posed, strutted and thrusted, much like a spider monkey. At times, he acted like Henry Rollins, though he claimed Jane's Addiction was his main influence. That was not evident. Neither was his talent.

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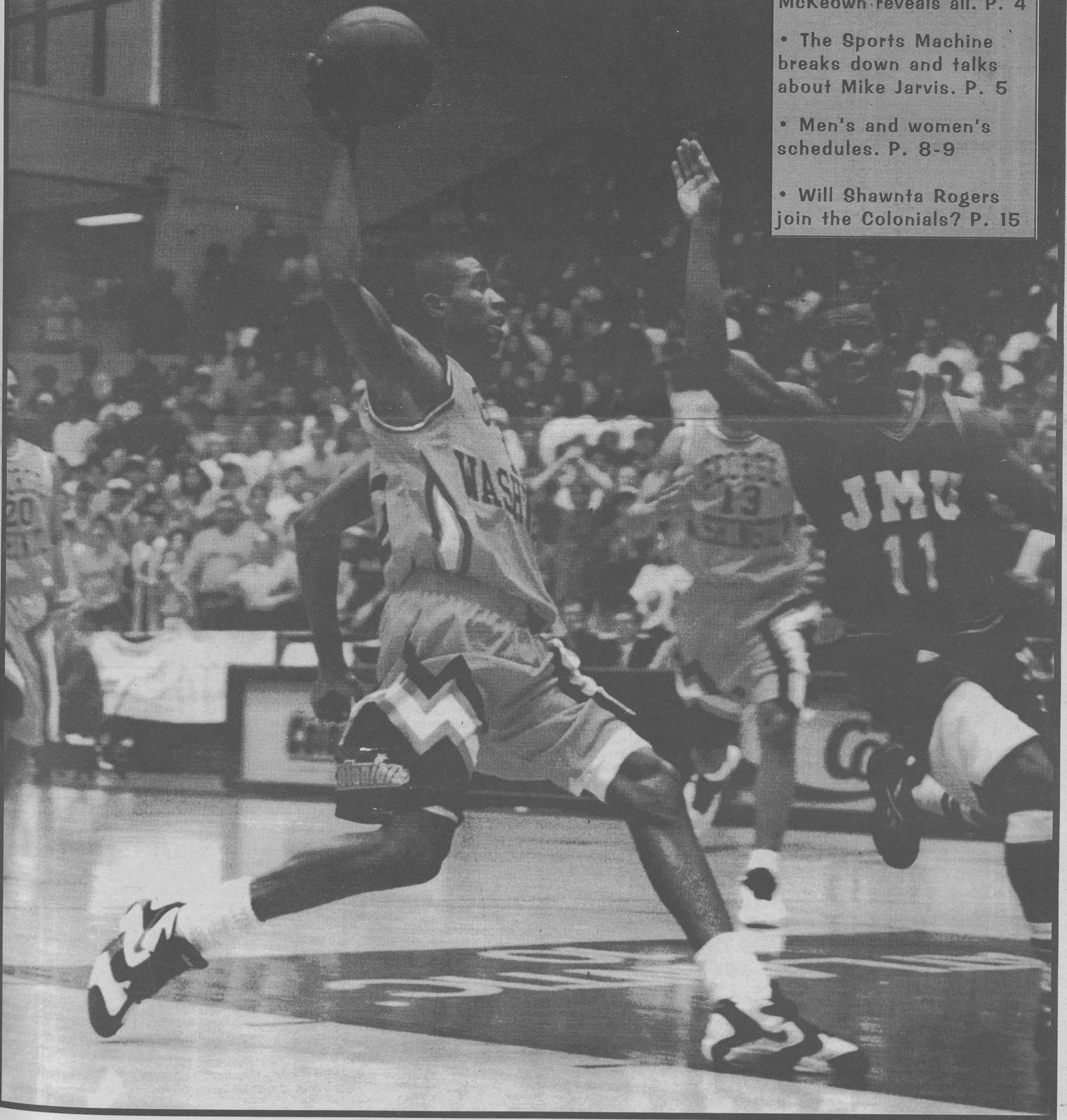
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New A-10: good basketball, shaky math

BY DEREK PILLIE
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

The Colonials' home conference, the Atlantic 10, has undergone some major changes this year, with new teams and a new set-up.

The biggest news last year was that Rutgers and West Virginia would leave to join the Big East Conference. The void was soon filled, however, as the A-10 pulled in five new teams, expanding the conference to 12 schools.

These five newcomers — Dayton, Fordham, La Salle, Virginia Tech and Xavier — have caused the conference to change the schedule's format. The league will now employ a two-division format, with six teams in each division.

Ray Cella, director of communications for the conference, said scheduling problems arose the last time the conference had two divisions for basketball.

"This time, the teams all wanted to still play 10 non-league games, so we switched to this format,"

Cella said. Each team now has a home-and-home series with the teams in its division, and will play teams in the other division once.

Four of these five new teams are in areas previously untouched by the conference — New York City (Fordham), Virginia (Virginia Tech) and Ohio (Dayton and

(tournaments)," Cella said. "Dayton also has a tremendous fan base and La Salle and Fordham have great traditions in their cities."

The Atlantic 10 is getting much more attention



Xavier). Cella said these teams were chosen because they each bring something to the conference to help make it stronger.

"Virginia Tech is consistently in the Top 25, and Xavier has consistently been making it to the NCAA's

nationally as well. The conference has reached agreements with ESPN and ESPN2 to have a conference game of the week televised, as well as some individual games highlighted.

"We received these (TV) offers because we're good," Cella

said. "Virginia Tech has never been on national television before, and (as a result of the broadcast agreements) our teams are going to play more schools that will get them on television."

The addition of La Salle to the conference makes Philadelphia, which is roughly at the geographic center of the conference, the city with the most A-10 teams. The city also features Temple and St. Joseph's. Consequently, the conference has moved its headquarters from New Jersey to Philadelphia.

"We made the move because it is the center of the league as well as a major city. Three of our teams are located here, and the conference tournament will continue to be played here for the next four years," Cella explained.

The two original Philly teams will join Massachusetts, St. Bonaventure, Rhode Island and Fordham in the Eastern Division, while GW will be in the West with Virginia Tech, Xavier, Dayton, Duquesne and La Salle.

Past stars stay in the game

Brown. Holland. Pearsall find homes in basketball

BY GREG STANGEL
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

It has been argued that the best coach to play for in men's college basketball is GW's Mike Jarvis. He is known to "get the most" out of his players, and can utilize their strengths during critical moments in games.

Successful teams have, in the past, had a dominant player who

can single-handedly lead a team to victory. This was illustrated by last year's University of North Carolina Tar Heels, who received outstanding performances from guard Jerry Stackhouse and forward Rasheed Wallace. Both of these players are now making impacts on their respective NBA teams, the Philadelphia 76ers and Washington Bullets.

In basketball history, "dominant" players have been hard to come by. Jarvis had one in center Yinka Dare, who played for the Colonials in the 1992-93 and 1993-94 seasons.

Dare is now with the New Jersey Nets organization, trying to gain more playing time as each day passes. In the season opener for the Nets, Dare hit his only shot, his first career points after a scoreless rookie campaign. Dare is competing for time with two veteran centers, Jayson Williams and Rick Mahorn. Colonial faithful hope he will receive more playing time as the season progresses.

"If Yinka continuously works hard each day, and improves his basic basketball fundamentals,

he can become a solid NBA player," Jarvis said. "However, right now he must forget about his successful college past, concentrate on working hard and give 100 percent during each opportunity he is given in a game. Yinka does have the physical abilities and skills to play in the NBA."

Besides Dare, other recent GW alumni to pursue professional basketball careers include Mike Brown, Sonni Holland, Dirk Surles, Alvin Pearsall and Nimbo Hammons.

Brown, who played for the Colonials from 1982-85 as a forward, spent the last two seasons with the Minnesota Timberwolves. He also has spent time with the Utah Jazz and Chicago Bulls. He is now unsigned, but is testing the market for teams in need of a backup power forward or center.

The other recent graduates are attempting to latch onto international teams. Holland is playing for a Spanish team in Madrid. Hammons, who just concluded his GW career in March, will now try out for a team in Chile. Surles played well in Russia last year, and was just recently released by the NBA's Utah Jazz after the team called him in for a tryout.

Pearsall is looking for a job in Florida coaching professional basketball. Even though he probably has the abilities to make it as a player, Pearsall is apparently more interested in coaching and helping young players improve their game. Perhaps this year's standout



Hatchet file photo

▲Yinka Dare, shown as a freshman at GW, is now fighting for playing time with the NBA's New Jersey Nets.



Tyson Trish

▲Nimbo Hammons, one of last season's stars, is pursuing a professional career in South America.

SPORTS BRIEF

GW announced plans this weekend to discount the cost of student tickets for the Franklin National Bank Classic tournament. The tickets were originally \$65 and included games both Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3.

Students can now purchase tickets individually for Friday or Saturday for \$20 each day. In addition, the University is giving students free transportation to and from USAir Arena both days.

The tournament features GW vs. the University of Florida and Massachusetts vs. the University of Maryland Friday. The championship and consolation games are scheduled for Saturday.

Students can purchase tickets at the Smith Center.

—Jared Sher



NCAA makes GW's Mia Chiparus M.I.A.

Romanian freshman forward won't play for the Colonials because of Va. law

BY KYNAN KELLY
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

While everyone is talking about the new-look GW women's basketball team, one of the biggest stories this season is who fans won't be seeing on the court.

Mia Chiparus, a 6-2 forward recruit from Botosani, Romania, who played for Gar-Field high school in Woodbridge, Va., is enrolled in classes at GW on a full scholarship. However, fans of the Colonial Women will not get a chance to see if she can blossom into a capable back-up for junior center Tajama Abraham until next season because of Gar-Field's policy of not awarding diplomas to foreign exchange students.

Consequently, the NCAA ruled that she will have only three years of eligibility and cannot even practice with the team until the 1996-97 season. After Chiparus appealed in a personal letter to the NCAA, however, it allowed her to receive financial aid and enroll in classes.

"She wrote a great letter and that probably put her in good stead (with the NCAA)," Director of Athletics Jack Kvancz said. "The exception they made is probably a fair thing."

Chiparus, who head coach Joe McKeown called a "good, solid player," came to the United States as a foreign exchange student and played only one year at Gar-Field after competing for a national club team in Germany. Nevertheless, she averaged 10.9 points and 9.5 rebounds a game in leading the Indians to a 23-1 record and regular-season and district tournament championships. She was named first-team all-district and second team all-region by the league's coaches.

In addition, she earned a 3.8 GPA in her core curriculum requirements and passed her college boards — two of the three criteria for becoming eligible to participate in NCAA athletics on scholarship. Kvancz said another reason Gar-Field would not give her a diploma is a Virginia statute requiring a civics class that most students take as sophomores. Since Chiparus took mainly senior-level classes, she never took the civics class.

However, it seems no one bothered to tell her or GW about the policy or requirement until it was too late. Her lack of a diploma would have prevented her from receiving financial aid had she not written the letter.

Kvancz explained that McKeown's team suspected nothing was wrong when it began recruiting her. "If a player has a 3.8, you don't go in looking for" special requirements or the chance a player will not graduate.

"At that late date, what you've done to that kid is make her go home to Romania without money to go to college," Kvancz added.

"She got screwed," McKeown said. "I thought she was victim of a bad ruling and was discriminated against because she was a foreign student."

The NCAA suggested one option for gaining eligibility would be to receive an honorary degree from Gar-Field. When Superintendent Edward Kelly gave her one, though, the NCAA said it would still not be enough for her to attain four years of eligibility despite the scholarship.

"I guess it's a happy medium," McKeown said. "Otherwise, she would have had to pay her own way for college."

NCAA officials were not available for comment.

McKeown guides top-notch Colonial Women's program

BY BEN OSBORNE
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

For the GW women's basketball program and head coach Joe McKeown, the rise has been meteoric. In fact, based on the string of success the program has had, GW is no longer "rising" anywhere. It's there already.

When McKeown, 39, left New Mexico State University after three successful seasons to come to GW, the program was nothing to shout about. With a 9-19 mark in the 1988-89 campaign, it was yet another season in the program's 14-year history marked by mediocrity at best. The numbers:

no 20-win seasons, no NCAA Tournament appearances and a 173-181 overall record.

After a 14-14 record in his first season ('89-'90), McKeown took his second team to the NCAA Tournament. The rest, as they say, is history. Tournament bids also came GW's way in 1992, '94 and last season, when GW reached its first-ever "Sweet 16" and earned a No. 15 national ranking.

"In my wildest dreams I never could have imagined that we'd have this type of success," McKeown said about the changes he has seen the program undergo.

"The thing I'm most proud of is the way we've sustained our success. I mean, it was one thing to get there, but even harder to stay there, and so far we've done it."

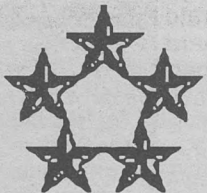
McKeown's personal success will hit a milestone in the Colonial Women's first win of the season, which will be the 200th of his career, including a stellar 131-53 mark at GW.

McKeown acknowledges that his and the team's success has changed the recruiting process. "Our winning hasn't really made recruiting easier, but now we're competing for kids with schools like Michigan and Virginia and recruiting nationwide more."

If anyone doubted GW's role on the national landscape, proof that GW has arrived can be found in the Smith Center Dec. 5. That night, in an exciting atmosphere for basketball fans, the Colonial Women will play an exhibition game against the 1996 United States Olympic Team.

The Olympians, who feature such recently graduated stars as Dawn Staley and Rebecca Lobo joining legend Sheryl Swoopes, are in the midst of a national tour of colleges in preparation for next summer's games. GW was one of only 20 teams chosen as an opponent, showing how highly the team is thought of on the national scale.

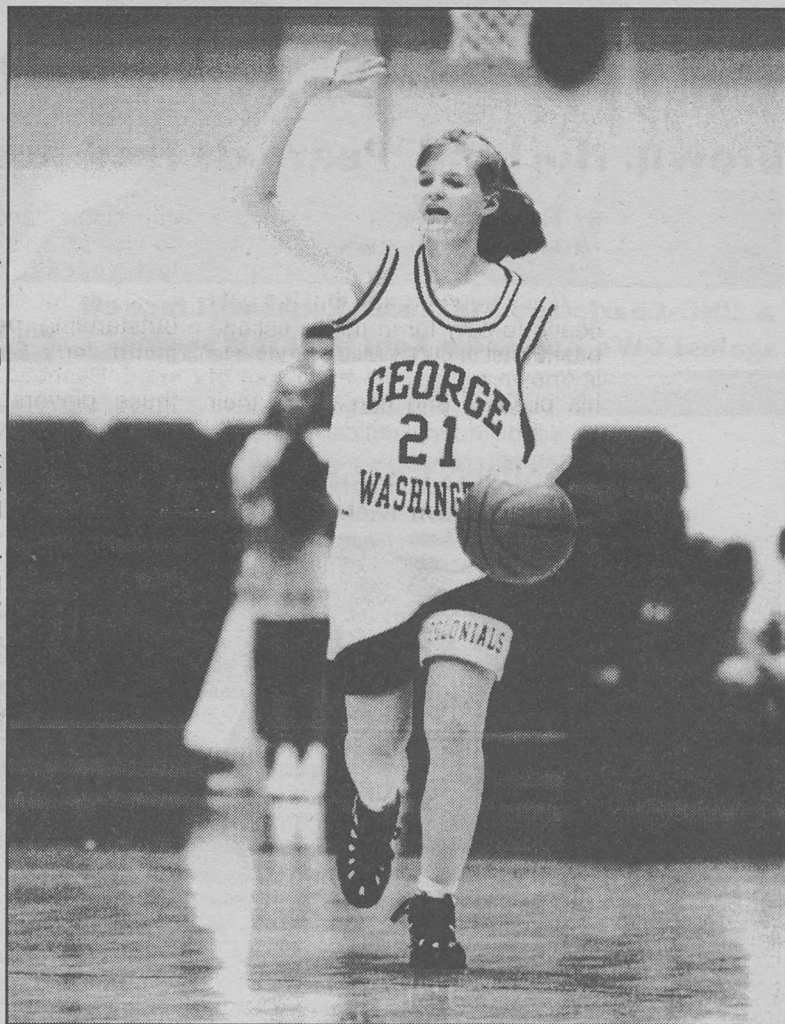
"When we reached the Sweet 16



THE GENERAL



Tyson Trish
▲Head coach Joe McKeown has guided the Colonial Women to a 131-53 record during his career at GW.



Dave Flintzen

▲McKeown will look to point guard Colleen McCrea for on-court leadership this season.

and played (the University of) Colorado tough, people really noticed us," McKeown said of the selection. "The announcer for that game on TV worked for USA Basketball, and she seemed to like how our kids played, and then we started talking about this game. It should be a lot of fun."

Another sign of respect for a program can also be a negative, such as when your assistant coaches start getting hired to coach elsewhere. In this past off-season, McKeown lost Cheryl Reeve to Indiana State University. "She was my right hand since my second year here," McKeown said. "But she was ready, so I'm happy to see her move on."

The way things are going for this juggernaut program, however, obstacles such as a lost assistant coach may turn out to be just a minor bump in the road.



Get ready for a Koul vs. Kuehl showdown

BY MICHELLE VON EUW
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

You would think one big, intimidating NCAA phenomenon from Europe with a name like Alexander Koul would be enough. But this year, there are two.

While GW has the 7-1 sophomore starting at center, the University of North Carolina-Charlotte will start Alexander Kuehl from Brammer, Germany. Kuehl, whose name is also pronounced "cool," transferred to

UNC-Charlotte from a junior college in West Palm Beach, Fla. The two will face off when UNCC plays at GW on Feb. 5.

Kuehl said he has been mistaken several times for the native Belorussian Koul.

Koul agreed to play for GW at about the same time Kuehl made his decision to play for UNC-Charlotte. "All of a sudden, people were confused," Kuehl said. "They thought he was me."

The confusion continues, even within Kuehl's own basketball program. The 1995-96 UNC-Charlotte media guide mistakenly spelled Kuehl's name as "Koul."

"They're going to put stickers over it with the correct spelling," Kuehl said.

The two starting centers have similar dimensions — Koul is 7-1, 296 pounds, while Kuehl is the same height and weighs in at 270 pounds. Both averaged about 12 points a game last season, and both wear jersey number 45. Koul has one year of division one play under his belt, while Kuehl has

two years in the NCAA. Kuehl goes by "Alex," while Koul's friends, fans and teammates call him "Sasha."

They played against each other two or three times in European tournaments, Kuehl said. But Koul doesn't remember ever competing against his namesake.

"As far as I know, we haven't played against each other," Koul said.

Both recall meeting after a European championship tournament about four years ago. Kuehl approached Koul while he was getting on the team bus to go home and suggested they exchange warm-up suits.

"He was the only one there my size," Kuehl said. "I kept the suit, but it's way too small now."

Koul said he did not realize they shared the same name until later, when he looked at a program from the tournament and thought it was a typographical mistake when he saw Kuehl listed as a German player.

"I asked around and realized we had the same name," Koul said.

He said he did not remember much about Kuehl, except that he was tall and pretty strong, and that the two waved to each other at tournaments.

"We used to be equal," Kuehl said. "I haven't seen him play in years, but we are pretty much alike." He added that he has heard about Koul's hook-shot, "which is one of my favorite shots, too."

"People tell me that we look alike," Kuehl said. "But maybe not anymore — I have a bald head now." Koul is no longer sporting

last year's buzz-cut, but instead has a mop of thick black hair.

UNC-Charlotte head coach Jeff Mullins saw GW's Koul when the two teams met last year. "Our Alex is very hard-working, just like (GW's)," he said. "We recruited him to step into a starting position right away, and it's a great opportunity for him."

He added that Kuehl has good size and runs the floor well for a big man.

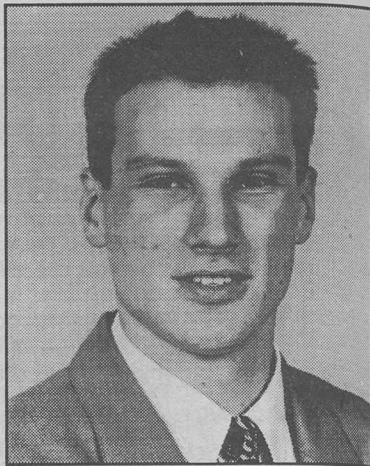
Kuehl is the only international player on the UNC-Charlotte team, while Koul is one of several. "The guys like him a lot," Mullins said of Kuehl. "He's easy-going."

Koul said having himself and fellow Belorussian Andrei Sviridov on the team last year made it easier on this year's new crop of international players. "We were here, we were able to explain things and make it easier on them."

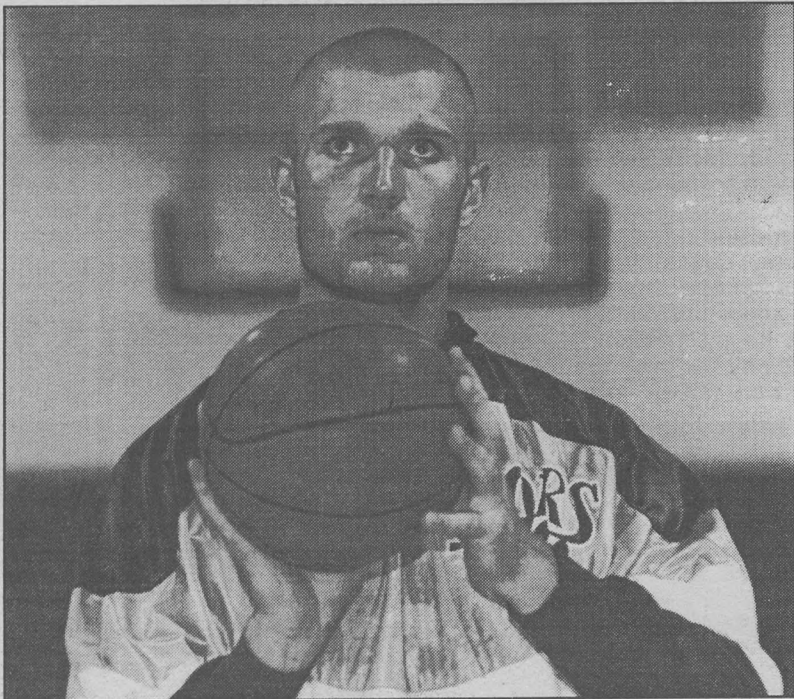
Both players are anxious to meet each other when GW plays the 49ers Feb. 5 at the Smith Center.

"I'm looking forward to it," Kuehl said. "I like playing against guys who are the same size as I am. It should be fun."

"It will be kind of interesting to play against him, to meet him and talk to him," Koul said. "It's not very often that you meet other people with your same name."



Alexander Koul ▲



▲ UNC-Charlotte's Alexander Kuehl will face off against GW's Alexander Koul later this season.

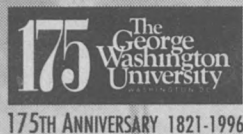
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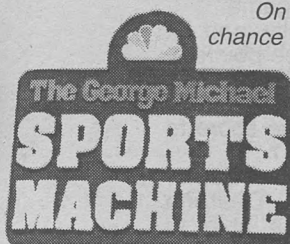
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George Michael scouts '95 Colonials

BY GREG STANGEL
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER



On October 31, The GW Hatchet had a chance to sit down and speak with George Michael, a sports anchor for the NBC TV station in Washington, D.C. He is the host of "George Michael's Sports Machine," which airs every Sunday evening on NBC stations nationwide. Michael gave his thoughts on the upcoming NCAA men's basketball season, and how the George Washington Colonials would fare this year under head coach Mike Jarvis.

Q: When people think of the George Washington men's basketball team, what do they think of?

GM: Mike Jarvis. He is the number one thing you think of. He has created the program, he has built the program and he has restored pride to the George Washington University men's basketball program.

Q: With one year of experience under his belt, do you think Alexander Koul will improve or suffer through a sophomore slump?

GM: He shouldn't suffer through a sophomore slump. One of the keys is that they must find other people to get the pressure off of him. A coach goes out and signs recruits and he does not know if they are going to be able to do what he envisions. If they do what they are supposed to, then Koul should have no problems this year. When Yinka Dare left, that devastated Mike Jarvis, but he had other people in place to help the program move along.

Q: Besides Marcus Camby from Massachusetts, is Alexander Koul the top center in the A-10?

GM: That to me is a big difference. I cannot put Alexander Koul in that class, at least not yet.

Q: There are only three starters returning from last year's team - Kwame Evans, Vaughn Jones and Alexander Koul - and the team is in need of players who will perform at key situations. Who will step up and lead the team, after the departures of key seniors Nimbo Hammons, Omo Moses and Antoine Hart?

GM: I don't have a clue. No disrespect to Dick Vitale, but I truly support Billy Packer, who states his opinion very quietly, very efficiently and very effectively. He knows what he is talking about. Believe me, ask Mike Jarvis if he thinks Dick Vitale really knows who are the best players in college basketball.

Q: One writer called GW the United Nations of the NCAA, since three players are from Belarus, one from Portugal, another from Quebec and the rest from different cities around the United States. Do you see a chemistry problem?

GM: Of course there is. There will always be a chemistry problem, and that's where you come back to your initial question: What's the first thing you think of, and you think of Mike Jarvis. Jarvis has the ability to get the most out of his players, the most out of the school program and the most out of his student body. However, if you would want one guy to lead a team through a chemistry crisis, Mike Jarvis would be the man. (Sarcastically) Jarvis, nice recruiting! Try getting somebody who speaks English!

Q: Why doesn't Vaughn Jones get the credit he deserves? He is an inspirational leader and the heart and soul of this GW team.

GM: Don't tell me that. He gets credit, and I don't want to listen to that. Part of what you want, which is credit, you only get after you win. The GW team that went to Penn State and won that year, got the credit they deserved. Even though they did not have a great season last year, I attended the sports luncheon to support Mike Jarvis as head coach. Before Mike Jarvis, nobody gave a damn about GW basketball, and I want Mike Jarvis to stay here.

Q: There are still many questions about the point guard position. Will GW be able to excel without a true point guard?

GM: Any team that wins has to have a good point guard. Look at North Carolina last year. The reason they were so good is because of Jerry Stackhouse. UCLA had Tyus Edney. Maryland was so good because they had two guards to get the ball to Joe Smith. You need somebody to bring the ball up the court, and get it to the big men.

Q: What is the status of Shawnta Rogers and how good is he?

GM: (Sarcastically) At GW today, it doesn't matter if they can read, write or spell, but if they play basketball, we want them. I don't know what Shawnta Rogers is going to be able to do. I know the name, but I have no clue if he is good. I leave that to (scout) Ken Beatrice, because he has a better idea of what those players are capable of doing in college.

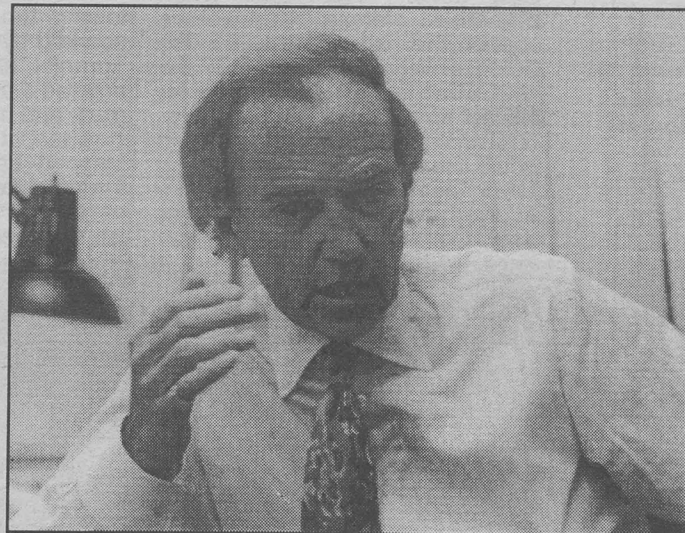
Q: Do you see them improving on their record from last year, 18-14 overall and 10-6 in the A-10?

GM: (Sarcastically) Yes, they probably for once may beat Temple. Look at the games that they lost last year. That team should only have lost seven games. One night I was sitting here watching them play. I was throwing stuff at the monitors they were playing so poorly. They couldn't hit free throws. I said to Jarvis, "How could your guys not hit free throws?" Mike Jarvis is supposed to have a funda-

mentally sound basketball team, and they can't hit a free throw.

Q: Some players last year were quoted as saying that they did not agree with Jarvis' coaching styles. Is this Jarvis' fault or the players?

GM: If players think it is tough to play for Mike Jarvis, go try playing for Gary Williams, or just try to even walk on that campus of Georgetown. The case we have here is that some of the GW players are spoiled, little high school kids who had been pampered, who now come to college and the coach tells them to jump, but the players don't say how high. You cannot play for Mike Jarvis, Gary Williams or John Thompson if you don't want to submit yourself to their program. So any pampered, spoiled, little brat who wants to bitch about Mike



photos by Tyson Trish

Jarvis, I guarantee you, they will never be a star in the NBA. If you think Jarvis is tough, go play for Gary Williams, and if you think Gary Williams is tough, go play for John Thompson.

There are certain things that each of them do which I may disagree with. However, all three are winners and totally different in coaching styles. One thing they have in common is that they say and believe, 'You're gonna do it my way, or the highway. Out the door, and don't let the door hit you where the dog should have bit you.' I have strong feelings about players who did not give 100 percent because they did not like the coach's style of those three coaches. However, there are some coaches I would not play for. (Sarcastically) Did I state my case strong enough?

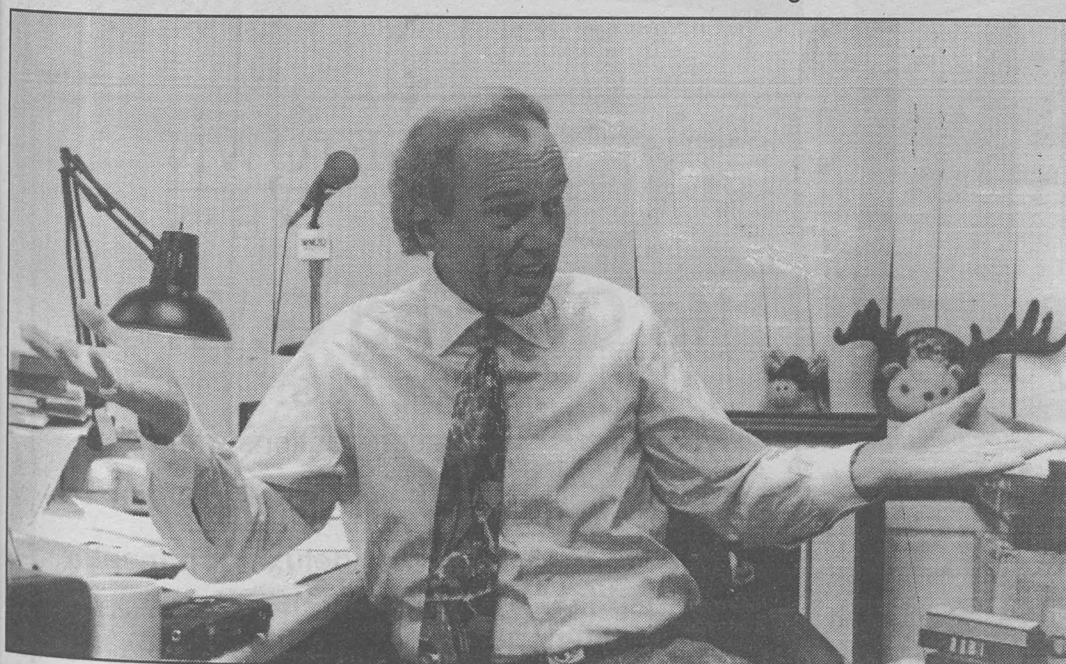
Q: Who are the top teams this year in NCAA division I men's basketball?

GM: To say who are going to be the very best teams in college is very tough to do. When the holiday tournaments are finished, those who predicted certain teams in the Final Four, 90 percent of them are going to be wrong. John Thompson has one of the best point guards in the nation, but does that alone justify Georgetown to be ranked in the Top 20? It is the same situations with most teams, including GW. They have Alexander Koul, but what else is there to judge on how good they are going to be? I thought last year GW had all the parts to excel into the NCAA Tournament, but all they did was lose, lose, lose. I am not going to sit here and say who is going to win and who is going to lose.

Q: If you had to sum up and choose one word to describe the upcoming NCAA college basketball season, which word would you choose?

GM: Challenge. I think it is a real challenge to be able to replace guys who have been there for three and four years because the program gets a certain 'set' feel. It will be a difficult task due to the new players, especially with the 'new' point guard, who is considered the man who runs the program.

The point guard doesn't have to be a star, but he has to be comfortable with the system he is playing under. George Washington has a lot of talent, but they need to play against teams like Georgetown and Maryland so we can get most of the local arguments settled. Challenge is a word to describe the 1995-1996 George Washington Colonials men's basketball team.



GM: One of the things Mike Jarvis brings to the program is the ability to recruit players who will perform well in a short period of time, and people will come to know and respect these players. This is not a problem that only GW has to deal with. I don't think Mike Jarvis knows who is going to be able to contribute to the team. Today, some people may think Maryland is beatable due to the loss of Joe Smith. You don't know and I don't know. Maybe they are beatable, and maybe they are not.

Q: Dick Vitale rates Kwame Evans as the top-rated off guard in the Atlantic 10. Do you agree?



Russians top Colonial Women, 75-57

BY BEN OSBORNE
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

While most college basketball teams play preseason games that leave them wishing every game could be such a breeze, the GW women's basketball team must be wishing it never goes through a performance as sluggish as Friday night's 75-57 loss to Russian Select Dinamo.

With GW's next on-court competition coming in the Nov. 24 regular season opener at Southwest Missouri State University, Friday showed that the Colonial Women have a lot of work to do.

The second half opened with GW down nine, and when Dinamo's Natalia Konovolova opened the half with a layup, the Colonial Women had seen the near side of a 10-point deficit for the last time.

GW started the game the way it would like to play all year — getting junior center Tajama Abraham involved inside and letting junior guard Colleen McCrea bomb away

from three-point range. McCrea's second trey at 13:39 of the first half put GW within one at 12-11, giving her and Abraham 10 points.

Shortly after her second basket, however, McCrea left the game and did not even play in the second half. Her absence seemed to suck the life out of the team, and after scoring to go up 13-12, GW never led again.

GW head coach Joe McKeown rested McCrea because of a sore back, although he did not expect such a poor response in her absence.

"(Taking her out) was a shame because ... it hurts not having her in there," McKeown said.

GW made a run at the lead toward the end of the first half, sparked by a newcomer. Mandisa Turner, a freshman forward, entered the game at the 13-minute mark and promptly hit a layup.

Then, at 9:15 of the half, Turner stepped back and dropped in a three-pointer, showing range that belies her 6-2 size. Two minutes later, Turner went back in the paint

and hit a basket and a foul shot to cut the Dinamo lead to 24-22.

The rookie tallied 14 points, and also showed that she'll be able to take some of the inside scoring burden off Abraham.

"She's going to be a great player and I know she can contribute right now," McKeown said.

After Turner's display, the Colonial Women were in a funk for the rest of the half. As the clock wound down, GW set up a play hoping to go into the half with some momentum. The play broke down, however, and senior Myriah Loneran was left to throw up a prayer that fell short, and GW limped off the court down 36-27.

Loneran, who is expected to provide a big offensive punch for GW this season, had shooting woes that were representative of a team that shot just 28 percent from the floor.

She missed all six of her field goal attempts and five of her 11 free-throw attempts. Other culprits included Lisa Cermignano (1-10) and freshman Vesna Perak (2-8).

The showing left McKeown an unhappy coach. "We just didn't do much out there. I hope that when I look back on it, I can find something to take out of the game."

Dinamo shot decently, and hit two back-breaking three-pointers. Olesia Demianskaya's bomb with 2:53 left in the game took any suspense away, pushing the score to an insurmountable 68-51.

Besides the fine play of Turner and fellow freshman Desrene Lincoln, McKeown was able to take solace in Abraham, who will have to be the scoring leader for GW all year. She knocked down six shots and seven of eight free throws, and showed the bevy of moves that can make her so dominant. "It's real important that we have her out there," McKeown said.

Looking back on his team's evening, McKeown kept his perspective. "It's Nov. 10, and we've still got two weeks to prepare for our opener."

**Myriah Loneran
fires a shot
against Dinamo.
The Colonial
Women struggled
from the field
all night. ▼**

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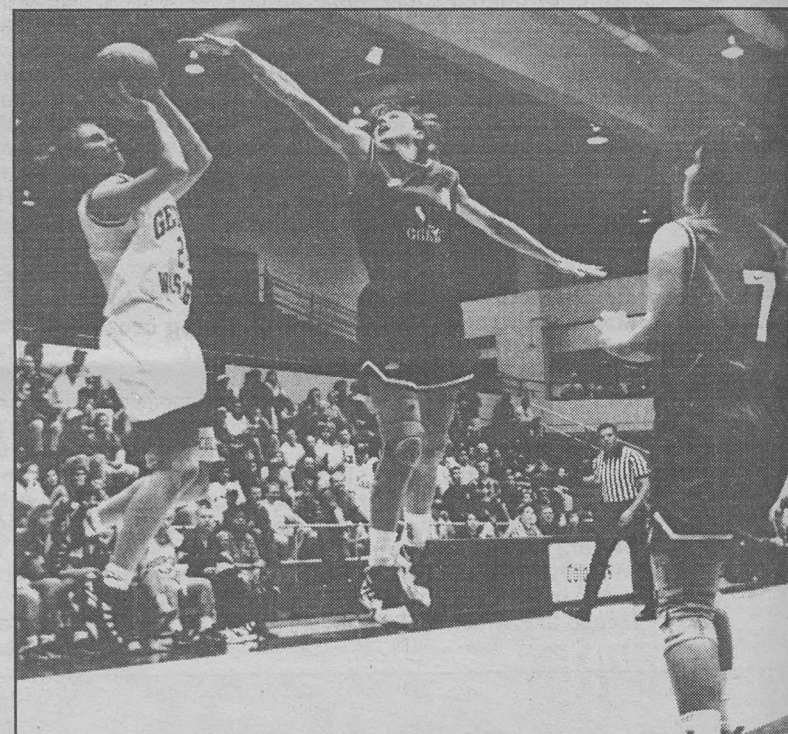


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GW blasts Dinamo in exhibition rout

BY JIM GERAGHTY
SPORTS EDITOR

Friday night's men's basketball game against the Dinamo, Russia Select team was the closest thing GW had to Midnight Madness. Call it the 7:51 p.m. Psychosis.

What looks like GW's best recruiting class in years made an immediate impact as it contributed 38 points to the Colonials' 115-64

humiliation of the Russians. The crowd of 2,581 rose to its feet throughout the game for the most explosive offensive showing in Colonial history.

The spectacular play of GW's freshmen added an electric excitement to an otherwise a meaningless exhibition rout. Freshman forward Yegor Mescheriakov scored the first four points of the game — first a sweet jumper and then a

massive slam — showing the frenzied fans he is ready for the big-time. They responded to his monster dunks, 10-points and eight rebounds with chants of "Yegor-Meister."

Fellow Belorussian Andrei Krivonos added 13 points and five rebounds in his considerable playing time from the point guard position. Not to be outdone, J.J. Brade contributed 11 points. Many of those points came after Brade drove the lane like a basket-seeking missile, and he topped it off with

a 360-degree acrobatic lay-up. Seco Camara contributed four points, six rebounds and a steal.

At times, the night seemed to be more of a highlight film than a game. Eight GW players scored at least 10 points. The players looked right at home in a fast paced, score-a-minute offense.

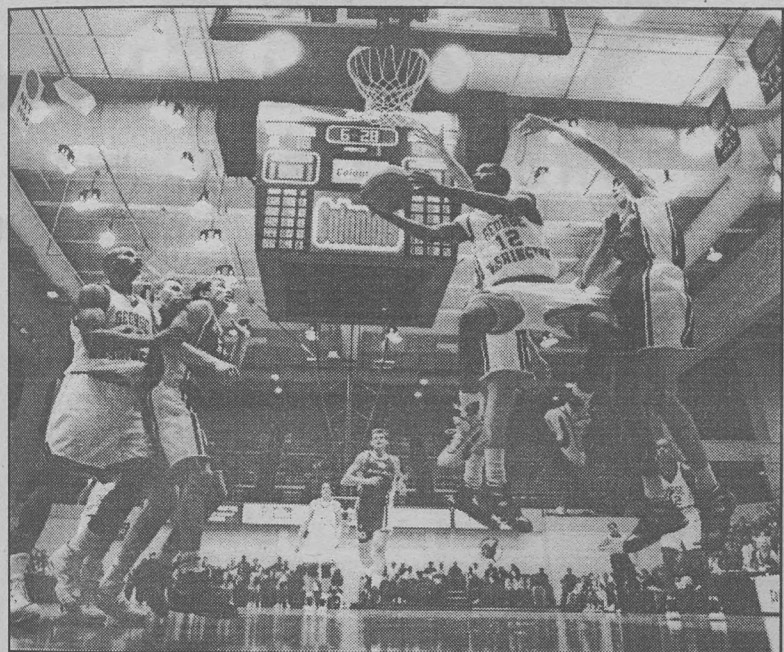
"Coach (Mike) Jarvis told us in the preseason he wants us to run up and down the court because most of the players on this team can handle the ball well in the open court and make things happen," Brade said after the game.

With the exciting play of the freshmen, almost lost in the shuffle was the solid offensive showing of the Colonial veterans. Alexander Koul and Kwame Evans had 17 points each. Seniors Evans and Vaughn Jones (16 points, six rebounds, nine assists) reestab-

lished themselves as floor leaders. "It's really good to have the young guys step up like they did tonight. They're only going to get better. I think with Kwame and myself for leadership, I think we're going to have a pretty good year," Jones said.

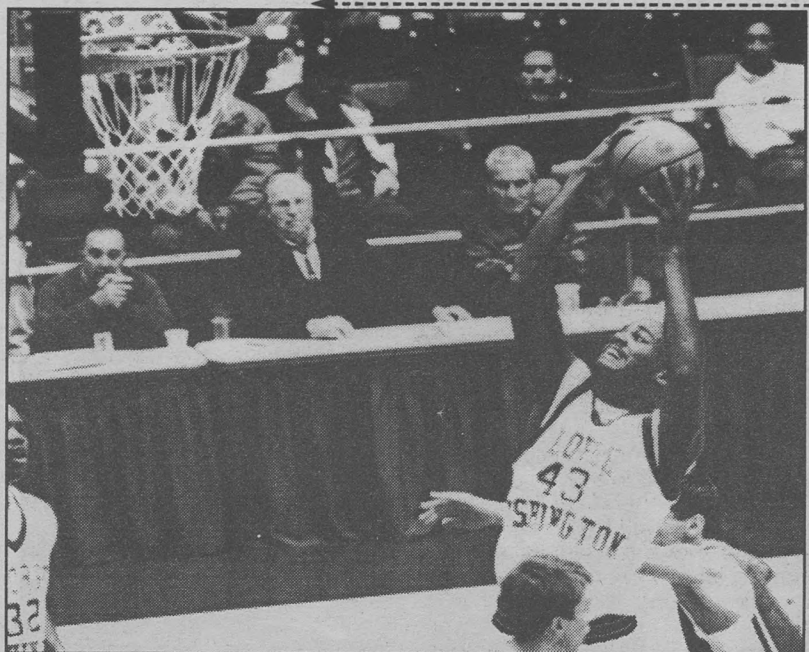
Almost nothing went right for the Dinamo team. The Smith Center staff played the wrong song for the Russian national anthem, and their evening went downhill from there. Their offense sputtered before finally breaking down and their three-pointers often went up with a prayer and came down with a clunk.

"It's getting there, we've got a way to go," Jarvis said. "This team is about where I expected ... We came out of this game healthy, and the guys have been learning about one another."



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▲ Kwame Evans sits in midair before making a layup in the Colonials' exhibition win Friday night.



Dave Flintzen

◀ Ferdinand Williams drives the lane for two points against Dinamo.



HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 13-17

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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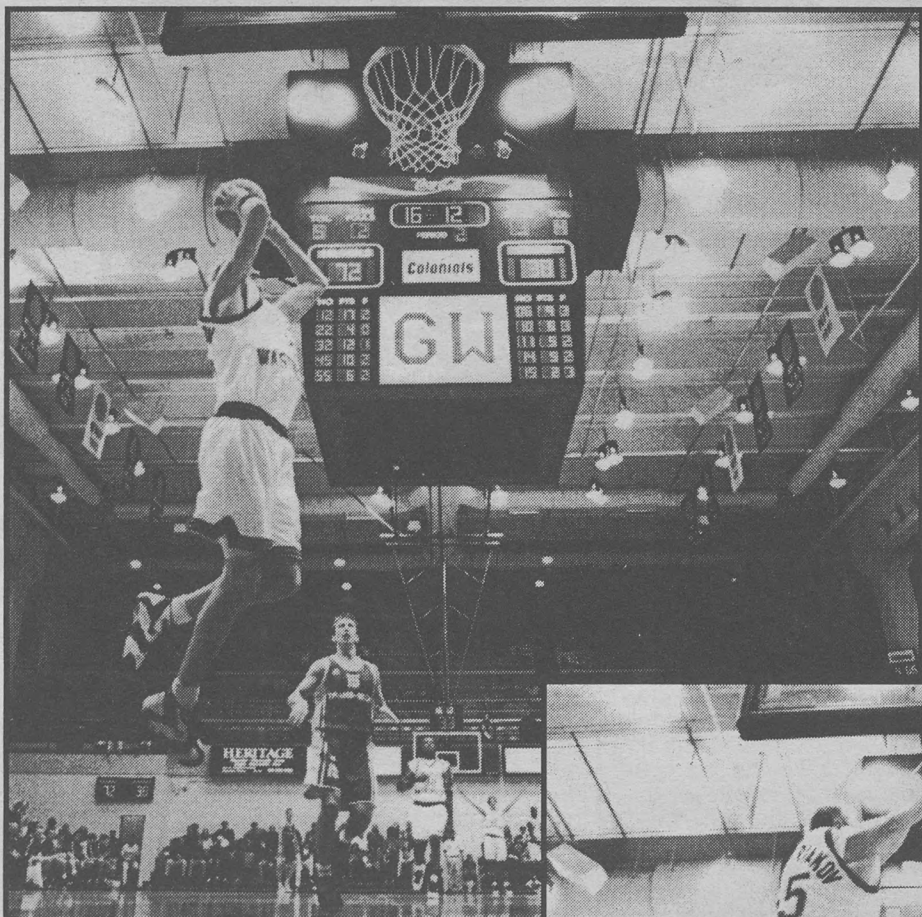
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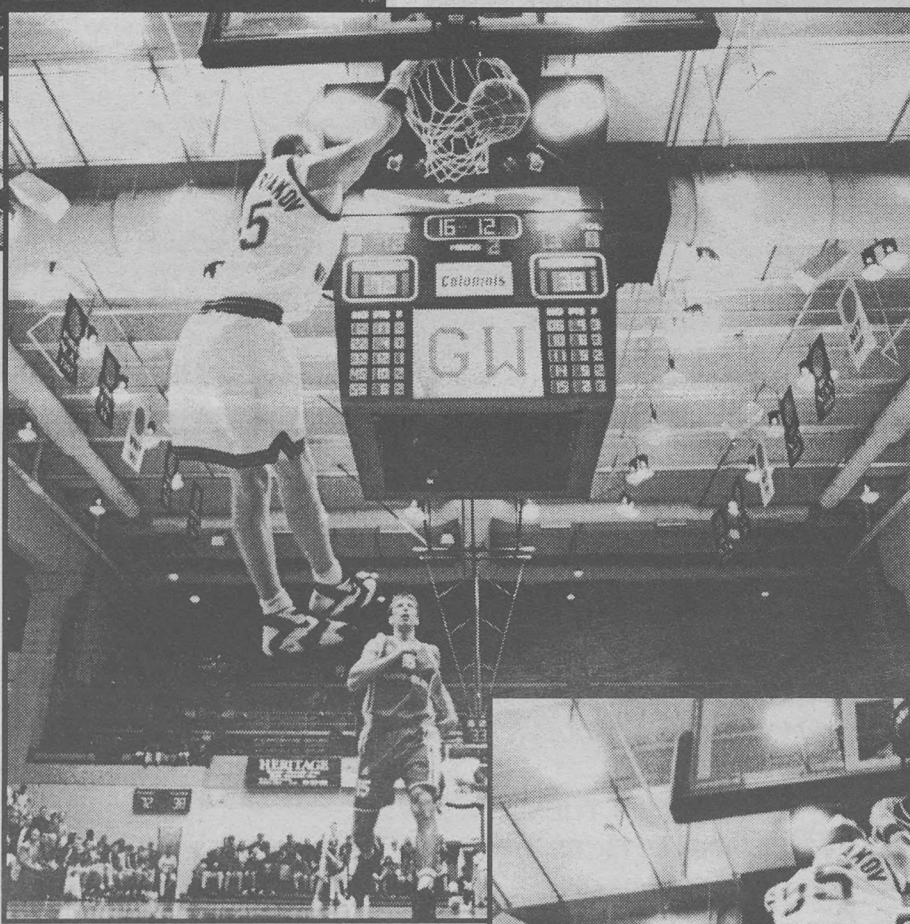
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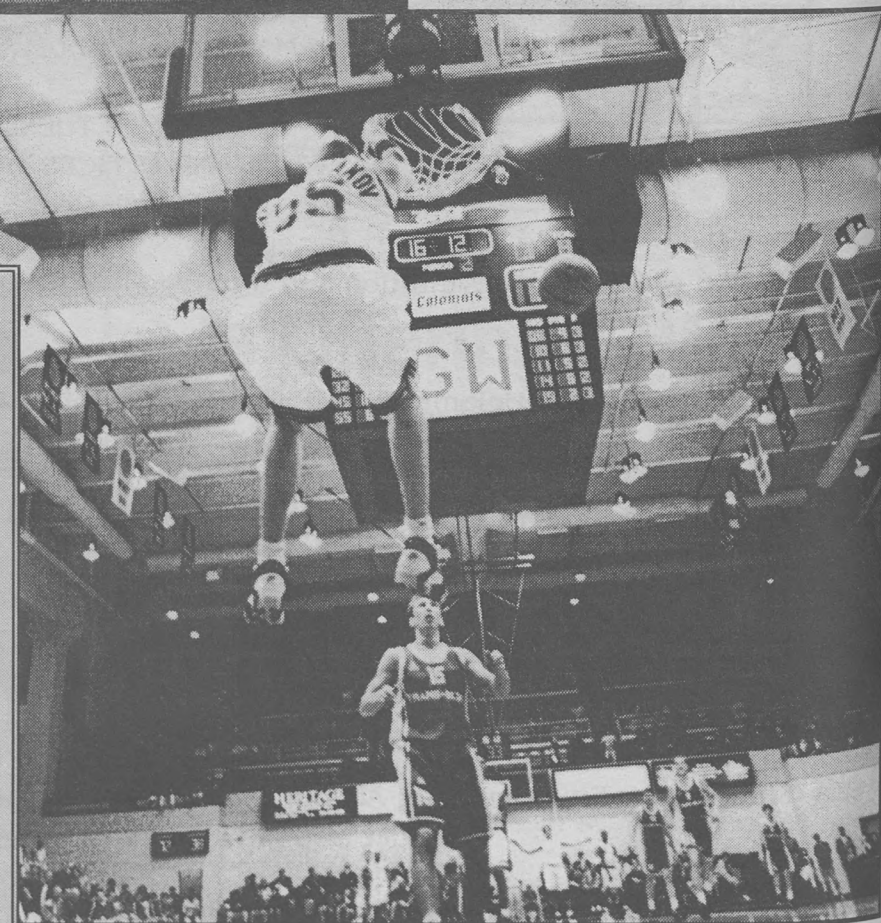
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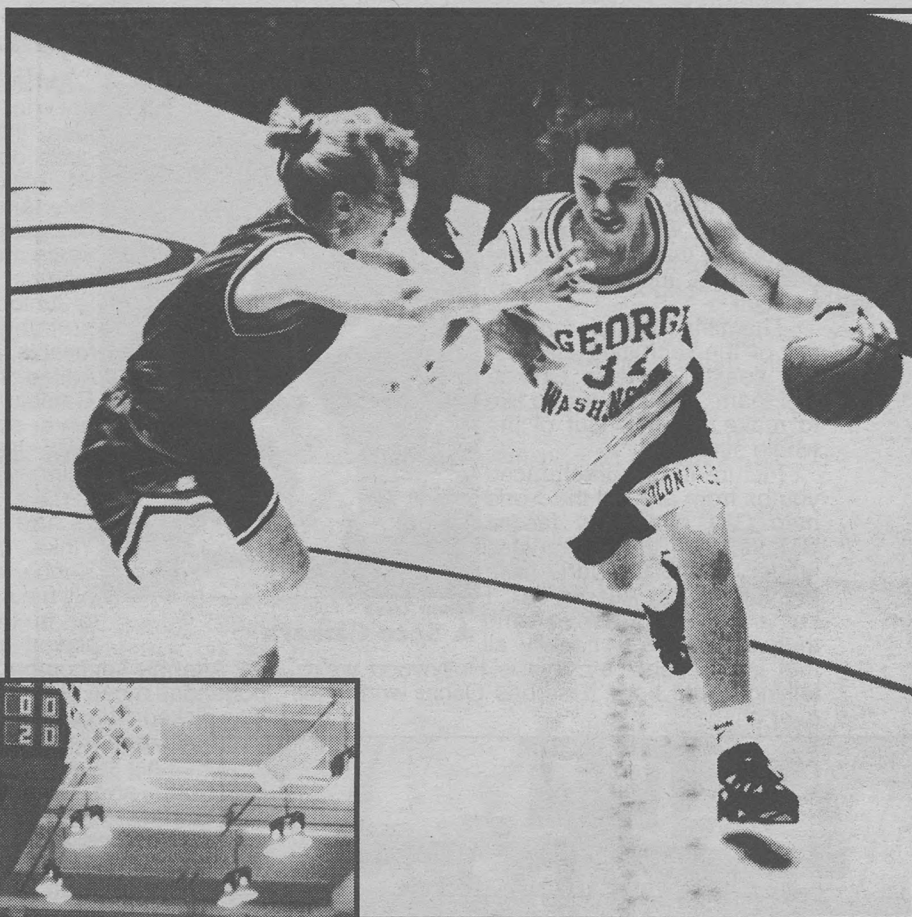
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Fri	NOV 17	Court Authority	7:30 p.m.	Tue	9	ST. BONAVENTURE*	7:30 p.m.
Fri-Sat	24-25	Red Auerbach Colonial Classic		Sat	13	at Missouri	2 p.m.
Fri	24	Grambling State vs. Hampton	5:30 p.m.	Mon	15	at Virginia Tech*	9:30 p.m.
Fri	24	GW vs. Hartford	7:30 p.m.	Sun	21	DAYTON*	2 p.m.
Sat	25	CONSOLATION	5:30 p.m.	Thu	25	VIRGINIA TECH	7:30 p.m.
Sat	25	CHAMPIONSHIP	7:30 p.m.	Thu	FEB 1	at Dayton*	7:30 p.m.
Sat-Sun	DEC 2-3	at Franklin National Bank Classic		Sat	3	TEMPLE*	12 p.m.
Sat	2	Maryland vs. Massachusetts	12 p.m.	Mon	5	UNC-CHARLOTTE	7:30 p.m.
Sat	2	GW vs. Florida	2:30 p.m.	Wed	7	XAVIER*#	9:00 p.m.
Sun	3	Consolation	1:30 p.m.	Sat	10	LA SALLE* (Homecoming)#	2 p.m.
Sun	3	Championship	4 p.m.	Tue	13	at Fordham*	9:30 p.m.
Tue	5	at James Madison	7:30 p.m.	Sun	18	at La Salle*	2 p.m.
Sat	9	at ThunderDome Basketball Shootout (at St. Petersburg, Fla.)		Wed	21	DUQUESNE*#	7:30 p.m.
Sat	9	DePaul vs. Florida State	1 p.m.	Sat	24	at Massachusetts*	12 p.m.
Sat	9	GW vs. South Florida	3:30 p.m.	Mon	26	at Xavier*	9:30 p.m.
Wed-Thu	27-28	at Sacramento Holiday Classic (at Arco Arena)		Thu	29	RHODE ISLAND*	7:30 p.m.
Wed	27	Old Dominion vs. Idaho	6 p.m. (PST)	Sat	MAR 2	at St. Joseph's*	2 p.m.
Wed	27	GW vs. Cal St. Sacramento	8 p.m. (PST)	Wed-Sat	6-9	at Atlantic 10 Championship (at Philadelphia, Pa.)	
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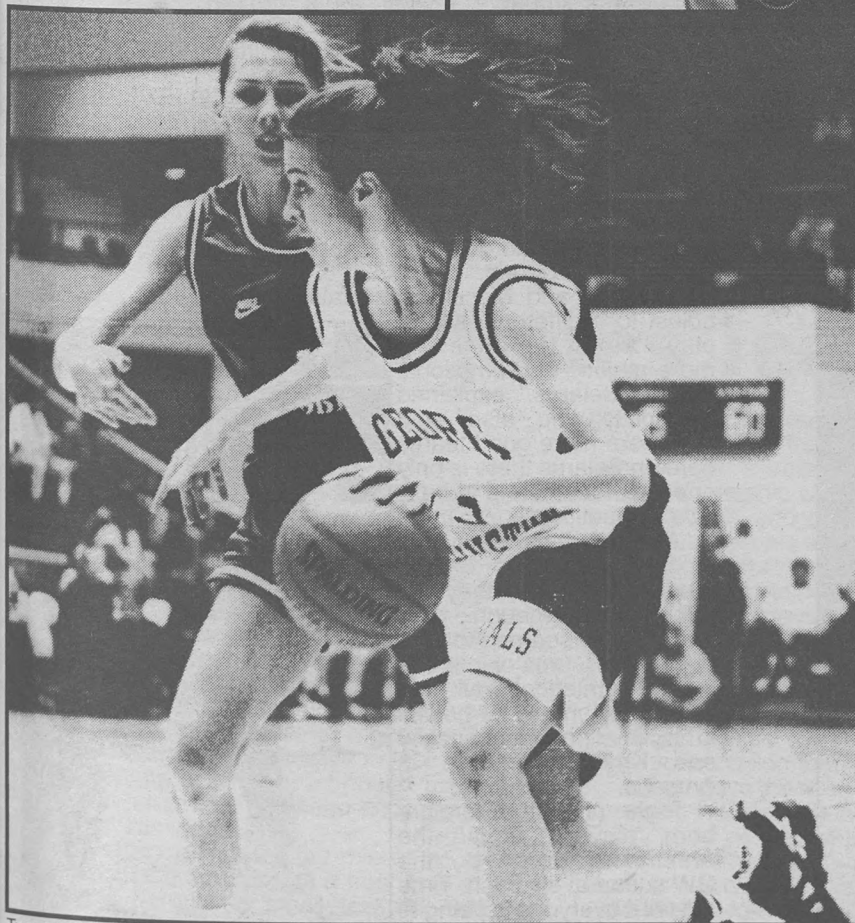
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Fri	NOV 24	at Southwest Missouri State	7:05 p.m.
Thu	30	at Georgetown	8 p.m.
Sat-Sun	DEC 2-3	at Harvard Invitational (Cambridge, Mass.)	
Fri	2	GW vs. Holy Cross	12 p.m.
Fri	2	Harvard vs. Holy Cross	2:30 p.m.
Sat	3	Consolation	12 p.m.
Sat	3	Championship	2:30 p.m.
Fri-Sat	8-9	GEORGE WASHINGTON INVITATIONAL	
Fri	8	Colorado St. vs. Louisville	5:30 p.m.
Fri	8	GW vs. St. Francis (Pa.)	7:30 p.m.
Sat	9	CONSOLATION	5:30 p.m.
Sun	9	CHAMPIONSHIP	7:30 p.m.
Sat-Tue	16-19	at San Juan Shootout (San Juan, Puerto Rico)	
Sat	16	GW vs. Puerto Rico National	9 p.m.
Sun	17	GW vs. Southern Methodist	7 p.m.
Tue	19	GW vs. TBA	TBA
Fri-Sat	29-30	at Lady Gator Classic (Gainesville, Fla.)	
Fri	29	GW vs. Boston College	4:30 p.m.
Fri	29	Florida vs. Massachusetts	7 p.m.
Sat	30	TBA vs. TBA	4:30 p.m.
Sat	30	Florida vs. TBA	7 p.m.
Thu	JAN 4	at Xavier*	7 p.m.
Sat	6	at Dayton*	7 p.m.
Tue	9	TULANE#	5:30 p.m.

Sat	13	at Virginia Tech*	7 p.m.
Mon	15	IONA	7 p.m.
Thu	18	ST. JOSEPH'S*	7 p.m.
Sat	20	FORDHAM*	2 p.m.
Wed	24	at Temple*	7 p.m.
Sun	28	DUQUESNE*	2 p.m.

Thu	FEB 1	MASSACHUSETTS*	7 p.m.
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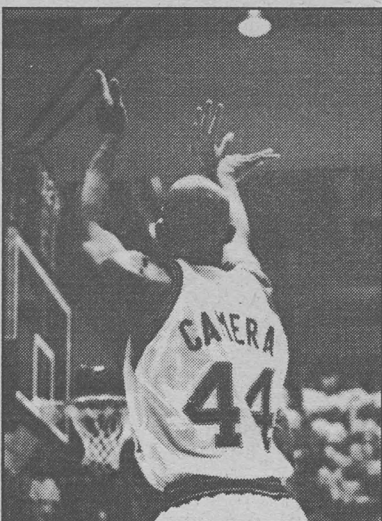
Foreign-born players unite for Colonials

Talented cast of freshmen come from all over

Have you ever seen the movie *Victory*? In this horribly cheesy film, international prisoners-of-war band together as a soccer team for a game against their Nazi oppressors. They win the game at the end of the movie and are freed from the shackles of fascism.

The film kind of reminds me of the recruiting class of this season's men's basketball team. In fact, I would like to make a movie out of the whole situation.

Picture it: four fresh-faced youths from around the world help GW overthrow fascist UMass and their heartless leader, John Calipari, from the top of the Atlantic 10. I know the Minutemen and their coach are not really all that fascist, but hey, this is Hollywood we're talking about here. This has Oscar written all over it!



Tyson Trish
▲ Seco Camara

While movie producers are not crazy about my idea, this year's recruiting class does have a certain international flavor to it. But this is nothing new. GW has scanned the globe for years now in search of new talent.

Juniors and seniors will probably remember the lovable Adama Kah, who hailed from Banjul, The Gambia. While Kah was never actually recruited by GW, he did see some action as a walk-on from 1989-93.

And then there was Yinka. Yinka Dare, from Kabba, Nigeria, was probably the most dominant center in the A-10 when he played at GW from 1992-94. After his sophomore year, he made the bonehead move of jumping to the NBA. He was picked 14th overall by the New Jersey Nets, and is now known as "Stinka."

Last season brought us Alexander Koul and Andrei Sviridov from Belarus. While Koul stepped right in and earned A-10 rookie of the year honors, Sviridov spent the year honing his skills on the bench.

This season, four players from foreign lands join the team. Jason "J.J." Brade is a 6-5, 190-pound off-guard from Montreal, Quebec, via St. Thomas More High School in Maine. He averaged 23 points, six rebounds, five assists and three steals per game as he led St. Thomas More to the New England Prep School Class A Championship.

"Jason is probably the most 'ready' freshman we have from day one," GW head coach Mike Jarvis said.

Hailing from Lisbon, Portugal, is 6-5, 205-pound off-guard Seco Camara. He averaged 33.5 points and 11 rebounds a game for the Thomas Sumter Academy in South Carolina last year.

Camara is definitely well-traveled. He was born in Guinea-Bissau, Africa, and lived in Portugal for 12 years. Jarvis calls Camara "a very complete player."

The final two recruits hail from Belarus, which in English means "GW recruit breeding country." Yegor Mescheriakov is a 6-8, 227-pound forward who plays like Toni Kukoc with an attitude. He averaged 23 points and 9.5 rebounds for the RTI



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Yegor ▲
Mescheriakov has brought his slam-dunk artistry to the Smith Center.

team and played one year on the Belarus National Team.

Joining Mescheriakov is Andrei Krivonos, a 6-3, 200-pound guard. He was a teammate of Mescheriakov on the RTI team and the Belarus National Team. Jarvis calls Krivonos "a very versatile back-court player who can play two positions for us."

In talking to the two, I got the feeling they are a little overwhelmed by their situation. They know only a little English, but are aided by their able translator, Guennady Bratichko. Their teammates have also been helpful, especially fellow countrymen Koul and Sviridov, who "help us with questions and problems," Mescheriakov said.

The two agree that being on a multi-ethnic team is also helpful. Being on such a team "has helped me improve myself as a person," Krivonos said.

"It is interesting to have players from different countries," Mescheriakov said.

The two are slowly adjusting to college in America. Krivonos said "school is more difficult here. You have to work harder. The attitude here is more professional."

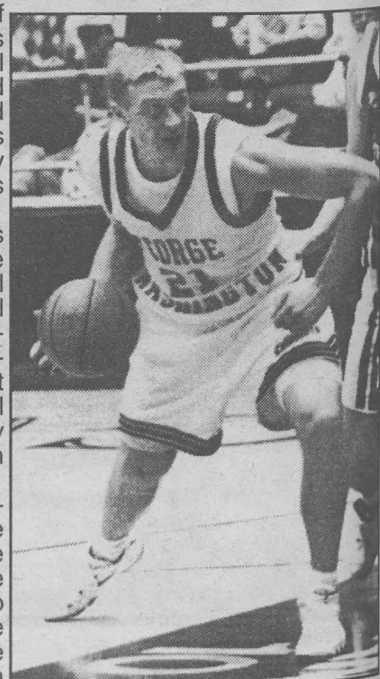
When asked what he does with his spare time, Mescheriakov said "I don't really have any. But when I do get some, I suppose I'll go to the movies or rest."

Krivonos and Mescheriakov also have to adjust to a different style of play. "Here basketball is more athletic and emotional than in Belarus," explained Krivonos, who also said "there are more good teams here. In Belarus there is only one major team, and there is little competition."

Although they are babes in the woods as of the moment, I'm sure they will adjust soon enough. Koul and Sviridov seemed to handle the pressures of intercollegiate athletics well last year. They should be helpful in acclimating Mescheriakov and Krivonos to life in America.

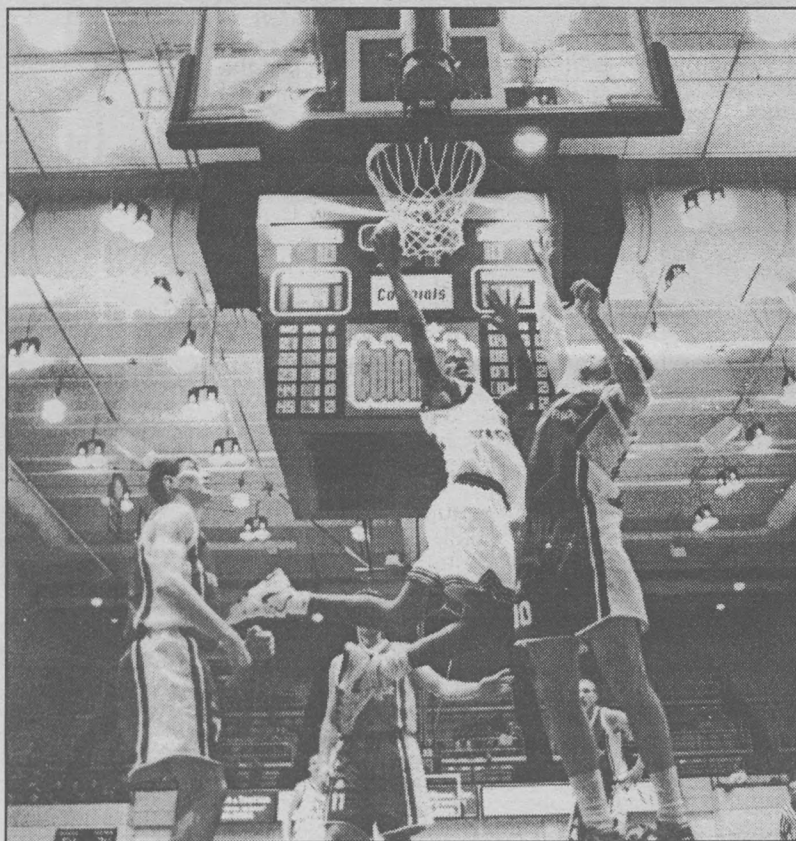
Right now, the foreign-born players equal the American citizens on the GW squad at six each. Time will tell if everyone is going to mesh as a team. Maybe Jarvis should use the movie *Victory* as his instruction manual.

—Matt Bonesteel



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Andrei Krivonos ▲



Tyson Trish

▲ A floor's eye-view of one of J.J. Brade's acrobatic layups (above). Alexander Koul (below) is only one of the Colonials' offensive weapons from foreign lands.

Inside the Atlantic (& Lake Erie) 12

BY DAVE MANN
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

In a conference which has undergone a one-year metamorphosis, most Atlantic 10 teams also find themselves in a state of transition.

Twelve teams and a two-division format are only some of the changes experienced by a league that has lost many of last year's stars. Most teams find themselves relying heavily on untested players to fill holes created by graduation losses.

EASTERN DIVISION



It should not surprise anyone if John Calipari and his Massachusetts Minutemen are once again the class of the league. The inside presence of Lou Roe, the point guard skills of Derek Kellogg and the last-second exploits of Mike Williams are gone, but shot-blocking extraordinaire Marcus Camby remains and is considered one of the top players in all of college basketball. Senior forwards Donta Bright and Dana Dingle and emerging 6-7 junior Tyrone Weeks combine with Camby to give Calipari a formidable front line. Despite the losses to graduation, Calipari's Minutemen still have the talent to win the league.



The Temple Owls are a team surrounded by question marks. Some of the most important questions they're asking in North Philadelphia are: Who will run the team in place of lost floor general Rick Brunson, and can William Cunningham and Derrick Battie provide an inside presence?

The Owls will be led by super sophomores Johnny Miller and Lynard Stewart. At 6-8, Stewart was productive at times last year, showing his athleticism. The Owls will be thin at guard, however, behind Miller and Levan Alston, while the front court has its share of questions as well. To truly challenge for the league title, Temple needs more consistent performances from Miller, Stewart and either Cunningham or Battie. Even with all the questions, head coach John Chaney and his match-up zone are somehow

always dangerous late in the season. This year will be no exception.

The Bernard Blunt era is finally over at St. Joseph's. Along with Blunt, the Hawks also graduated Carlin Warley, one of the best rebounders in the league a year ago. The Hawks still have talent, however. Talented Reggie Townsend will try to replace Warley on the inside for new head coach Phil Martelli. Dmitri Domani, after a disappointing sophomore season, needs to step up and provide scoring with the loss of Blunt. If these two players are able to step in, then St. Joseph's can expect a high finish in the Eastern Division.

BONNIES

St. Bonaventure was the surprise team in the league last season, with a fourth-place finish and an NIT bid. The loss of guard David Vanterpool is huge, however, leaving a gaping hole in the scoring department. At 5-7, speedy point guard Shandue McNeill could be a star performer with some improved shooting. Don't expect St. Bonaventure to sneak up on anyone this season, especially with the loss of Vanterpool, but a second consecutive winning season is not out of reach with more scoring from the front line to complement the talented McNeill at point guard.



Coming off a dismal 7-20 year and a last-place finish in the league, Rhode Island has enough talent to make significant strides this season. The Rams return four starters, including their leading scorer, guard Cuttino Mobley. The player to watch, however, is the other guard, sophomore Tyson Wheeler. A member of the conference's all-rookie team a year ago, Wheeler is an exciting point guard who distributed 135 assists last season. He is a star waiting to happen, and the Rams certainly have enough talent to make their record more respectable this season.



Coming from the Patriot League, a conference which did not offer scholarships, Fordham's move to the Atlantic 10 will be a rough one. Fordham just does not possess the talent to compete with major college programs yet, and this season will be a struggle.

WESTERN DIVISION

In the Western Division, Virginia Tech has the talent in the front court to compete with Massachusetts' front line. Last season's NIT tournament champion returns all five

starters, including a pair of stand-out forwards. At 6-6 and 247 pounds, senior Shawn Smith should improve on his 16-point, seven-rebound per game performance of last year. He is complemented by the consistent production of junior Ace Curtis, who averaged a double-double last season. Curtis has to be considered a rising force in the league. Virginia Tech no doubt has the ability to contend for a conference title in its inaugural season in the A-10.

The Colonials boast their deepest team in recent years, and Mike Jarvis' squad is looking to erase memories of last season's late collapse. The team looked like a lock for the NCAA tournament last season after beating then No. 1 in the nation Massachusetts, but then fell apart down the stretch. GW was left with an NIT loss to Ohio University, sitting out the big dance for the first time in two years.

Jarvis looks to senior captains Kwame Evans and Vaughn Jones to score for the Colonials this year. Their leadership will be a key on a team featuring four freshman, all of which could see playing time. J.J. Brade, Yegor Mescheriakov, Andrei Krivonos and Seco Camara provide Jarvis the most options he has had in some time.

After an NCAA tournament appearance last season, things would seem to be going well for the Xavier basketball program as it enters the A-10. The Musketeers, however, lost four starters from last year's team, including leading scorer Jeff Massey. With all the losses, the team will look to forward T.J. Johnson to fulfill his potential and improve in his sophomore season.

The only returning starter, Johnson could be a future star, although his teammates lack experience. A repeat of last year's success is not likely, but the Musketeers could be dangerous.

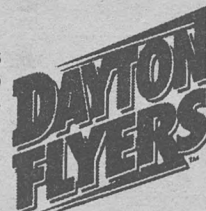


New head coach Scott Edgar will try to quickly turn around the Dukes of Duquesne. They definitely have talent, but it may take time to gel. Four starters return from a team which went 10-18 last season. The star is junior guard Tom Pipkins, who is a 6-3 scoring machine. The key to the Dukes' season will be how quickly the team adjusts to Edgar's changes.

In past years, La Salle has been lost in such conferences as the Midwestern Collegiate and Metro Atlantic. Now that head coach Speedy Morris and his Explorers have finally arrived in a big-time conference, they will field one of their worst teams in years. Guards Paul Burke and Kareem Townes, the heart of last year's team, are both gone. Shawn (Reds) Smith is a touted prospect, but as a victim of Prop 48, he has never played a minute of college basketball. La Salle is talent-poor and will struggle in its first A-10 season.



The Dayton Flyers are also not ready to compete in a big-time conference yet, with yet being the key word. Dayton has several talented young players, including freshmen Coby Turner, Josh Postorino and sophomore Ryan Perryman. The Flyers will certainly struggle, with an eye toward the future.



Local star Jones leads way

BY SCOTT GASTEL
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

Senior co-captain Vaughn Jones' first connection to GW did not occur when he attended national power DeMatha Catholic high school in suburban Maryland. Nor did it occur when he was growing up in southeast Washington. In fact, Jones has literally been a Colonial since the day he was born 21 years ago at George Washington University Hospital.

This season, Jones and fellow senior captain Kwame Evans have taken it upon themselves to lead a revamped team to national prominence.

"When you look at the rise in regard to GW and what it has meant, you don't have to look much further than Vaughn Jones," head coach Mike Jarvis said of the veteran. "He has been and now officially is a leader of this squad."

Jones' presence was felt the minute he stepped onto the Smith Center floor as a freshman in 1992. That season he played small forward and point guard, averaging 5.4 points a game. He was named GW's co-rookie of the year with Evans, as well as being named to the Atlantic 10 all-freshman team. His smooth adjustment was due in part because at DeMatha, head coach Morgan Wooten instituted a

playing style similar to Jarvis' methods.

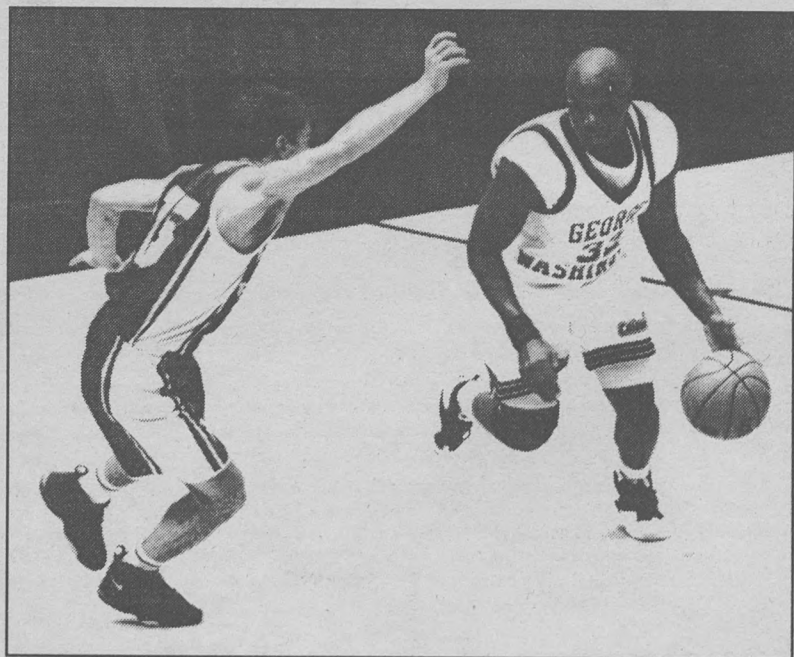
Between his freshman year and now, Jones matured into a versatile swingman capable of displaying leadership when needed. He has refined his passing skills and perimeter shot, while hounding opponents with his tight defense.

"When I first came here I had always been a scorer, but I learned to do the other important things that make a team successful. My stats have improved as time passed, and now I am able to feel comfortable wherever needed, whether on the wing or at point."

Jones received his orientation to big-time ball in the 1993 "Sweet 16" against Michigan. In that game, he played against the likes of Jalen Rose and Jimmy King. Jones called that his most memorable game.

Jones gave back to the city he grew up in by spending the summer of 1994 working as part of a D.C. sports program run by his church. He taught youngsters basketball and football and encouraged them to have self-confidence. "It's rewarding to be viewed as a role model and to feel that I've encouraged someone to make a difference."

"With so much attention paid to the individual, it is remarkable how much of a team player Vaughn is. He is very fundamentally sound, and that is what makes him so solid," Jarvis said.



▲ Washington, D.C. native Vaughn Jones will lead the Colonials with his athleticism and court savvy.

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The scoop on the women's Atlantic 10

BY BEN OSBORNE
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For women's basketball in the Atlantic 10 conference, these are days to enjoy. The sport's popularity is rising nationwide, and the conference is enjoying new-found publicity.

This season will feature at least one A-10 women's game on national television every week starting Jan. 7. Conference Commissioner Linda Bruno was glowing at A-10 media day Nov. 9 in Philadelphia when she said, "We are getting games on TV because we have a great product."

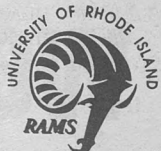
Besides the excitement from a business angle, the action on the court should be strong as well. The revamped 12-team conference has been divided into Eastern and Western divisions, and what follows is an attempt to predict the way the divisions will shake out over the four-month season.

EASTERN DIVISION



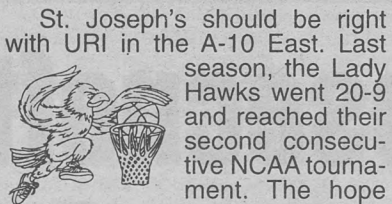
In the relatively weak Eastern Division, expect Massachusetts to run away from the pack. The Minutewomen return all five starters, including preseason all-conference selections Melissa Gurile and Octavia Thomas. Last season UMass went 19-10 and made an NIT appearance for the school's first-ever post season appearance.

Head coach Joanie O'Brien is the reigning A-10 coach of the year, and she is expecting bigger and better things this season. "We have a senior class that's been our cornerstone, and I really expect them to take our program to the next level this year," she said Thursday in Philadelphia.



The Lady Rams of Rhode Island figure to lurk behind UMass as a fast and exciting squad that upset GW a

year ago. URI will be led by junior forward Tasha King, a great 5-10 athlete who can do a little bit of everything. The Lady Rams also return three other starters in Marcie Byrd, Kerry Giroux and Dayna Smith.



St. Joseph's should be right with URI in the A-10 East. Last season, the Lady Hawks went 20-9 and reached their second consecutive NCAA tournament. The hope for this year is to keep improving. Freshman center Janka Lichnerova stands 6-4, one reason why she was named to the preseason all-rookie team. She joins a lineup led by junior forward Megan Compain, who scored 13.1 points per game last season.

After the top three teams in the East, there is a big drop-off in the skill level of the remaining schools.

BONNIES

St. Bonaventure figures to settle into fourth place, finishing ahead of the division's doormats. Last season, the Bonnies struggled through a 10-18 campaign, and only two starters return from that team, led by sophomore guard Tricia Pawling, who had well-rounded per game numbers of 8.5 points, 2.7 rebounds and 3.9 assists.



By the time you reach Temple in the East, the talent level really dips. The Lady Owls were winless in the conference last season, and many of the losses were of the blowout variety. Head coach Kristen Foley was brought in from Drexel University to turn around this struggling program. She does have one star to build around, second-team all-league preseason selection Claudrena Howard, a sophomore guard who scored 17.2 points a game last year.



Bringing up the rear in the East will be conference newcomer Fordham. The Lady Rams did go 19-10 last season, but that was in the non-scholarship Patriot League. They've also lost two of the top scorers from that team. Figure on head coach Kevin Morris taking a few years before he gets his team up to A-10 caliber basketball.

WESTERN DIVISION

Without a doubt, the balance of power in the conference is shifted heavily toward the West, where four strong teams will battle it out for the title. Recent power GW may struggle early in the season, but should be able to fend off newcomer Virginia Tech for the title. The Colonial Women lost two top stars in Darlene Saar and Debbie Hemery, but junior center Tajama Abraham is expected to pick up some of the slack. Also watch all-rookie team member Mandisa Turner, who brings a wide variety of skills to the table.

Head coach Joe McKeown is curious about what the year will bring. "We have done a great job of getting our program to a high level, but it's going to be a big challenge to stay there this season," he said.



Virginia Tech is looking to make an immediate impact on its new conference. The Lady Hokies went 22-9 last year and made it to the NCAA tournament, where they defeated their new rivals, St. Joe's. Tech lost four starters from last year's team, but the one returnee is point guard Terri Garland, unquestionably the team's leader.

Look for Duquesne to be a rising force in the A-10, but the Lady

Dukes seem to be one year away from being a true powerhouse. They have only two seniors on the entire team, and the star is only a sophomore. That star is guard Korie Hlede. Last year she burst onto the scene, scoring 24.2 points per game and earning nationwide accolades.

She was the only unanimous selection to the conference's preseason first team, and she has a big fan in McKeown. "She's a great player who can even get 30 or 40 on some nights, and I think she'll help make (Duquesne) the conference's most improved team," McKeown said.



La Salle joins the A-10 with a history of solid seasons under long-time head coach John Miller. The challenge for Miller this year will be adjusting the Lady Explorers to the tougher A-10 competition after La Salle played in the weak Midwestern Collegiate Conference. His job, however, is made much easier since he did not lose one player from last season's 20-10 squad.

The Dayton Flyers flew low a year ago, going 5-22 in the now-defunct Great Midwest Conference. Luckily for head coach Clemette Haskins, the team's top three scorers return, including star guard Steph Mathu. Mathu should help Haskins get Dayton at least a few more wins than last season.



The basement-dweller in the West will probably be Xavier, like Fordham, a team that should struggle to adjust to the A-10's strong competition. The Lady Musketeers will be led by first-year head coach Melanie Balcomb, who must deal with the loss of the top two scorers from last year's team.



GW looks for Abraham to lead

BY KYNAN KELLY
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

Tajama Abraham has a smile as marketable as Shaquille O'Neal and game-day hairstyles as varied and unpredictable as Dennis Rodman. She doesn't talk a bad game, either.

Fortunately for the Colonial Women, though, her statistics and court performances speak for themselves.

Last year, she averaged 13.8 points, grabbed an average of six rebounds a game and led the Atlantic 10 in blocks (74) for the second year in a row. She was named to the all-conference second team after being honored as the rookie of the year her freshman season.

And with the graduation of Debbie Hemery, Darlene Saar and Martha Williams, the program's stars for the last three years, Abraham will step into the leadership role this year for head coach Joe McKeown. It is a role she relishes.

"I like it better than when I was a freshman, because when I came here I saw some things about the team I liked, and some I didn't like," Abraham said. "But as a freshman, you don't know what to say."

"Now, I'm able to show our freshmen what we have to do to get back to the NCAA Tournament."

Basically, what GW has to do to match and surpass last year's run to the "Sweet 16" is find a way to make up for the loss of Hemery, Saar and 6-5 center Williams, who had the talent to lead the team without necessarily having to make rousing speeches at halftime.

Abraham said that will have to change this year, with the leadership coming from two proven senior players, small forwards Myriah Loneragan and Lei Hart, and three juniors (Abraham and guards Colleen McCrea and Lisa Cernignano).

"In the past, people were good players or good leaders, but sometimes they couldn't put those together," she said. "I see that ability in our class and in the class before us. Finally, we're able to dictate what we want to do, which is good, because we don't have (Hemery and Saar) to just be a talented team."

Abraham will be backed by powerful 6-3 freshman center Khadija Deas from Brooklyn's Midwood high school. Deas was named the player of the year by the New York Daily News. However, she said she will be most comfortable playing with Hart for the third year because she likes the way Hart "sees the floor and is team-minded."

"(Abraham) has more natural leadership skills (than last year's stars) and she can back up what she says," McKeown said. He attributed Abraham's ability to lead the team in part to her "charisma and personality."

"She is one of the premier post players nationally, there's no question about that. She has to be productive every minute she's on the floor - 30 hard minutes. Part of what makes her great is her aggressiveness."

Clearly, all the factors have come together for the 6-2 junior center, known to nearly everyone as "T.J.," to receive national attention. *Street & Smith's* named her among its preseason high honorable mentions.

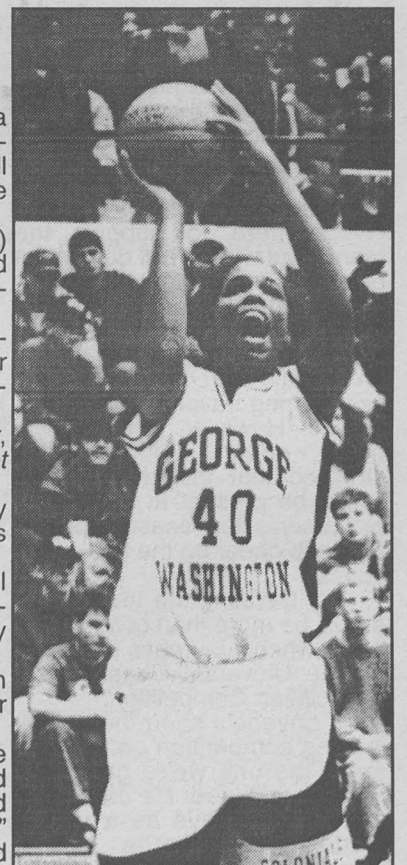
Georgetown women's head coach Patrick Knapp, whose Lady Hoyas host GW Nov. 30 at McDonough Arena, also said Abraham is one of the best post players in the country.

"We recruited her ... and know she's a competitor," he said. "GW will most likely still win the Atlantic 10 and have a great year, but the question is how they'll adjust without Saar and Hemery. T.J. will certainly help propel them toward their goals."

Before Abraham can truly take her place among the great players in the land, however, she needs to avoid the foul trouble that plagued her last year so she can stay on the floor where the team needs her.

"I'm working on staying out of foul trouble ... we can't afford to have post players in foul trouble this year," she said. "Coach has emphasized that I need to be a leader, kind of a spark to get the team going. I need to step up a lot and be a talker on the floor to keep the freshmen going."

"T.J. needs to put this team on her back," said McKeown, who called this season the least predictable in his seven years at GW. "If she does, she'll go down as one of the greatest players we've ever had. It's up to her. She could go down as the best."



Tyson Trish
"T.J." Abraham ▲



View From the Cheap Seats...

A funny thing happened on the way to putting together this basketball preview...

Willis Reed walked into The GW Hatchet offices yesterday wearing a Groucho nose and glasses.

"Are you the sports editor?" he mumbled.

"Yes, I am," I responded like the guy in the Bud Lite commercials. "Hey, aren't you Willis Reed, general manager of the New Jersey Nets?"

"Shhhhhhh!" he gasped. "Listen, I need your help. I'm trying to turn the Nets into a winner."

"Try hiring Pat Riley," I suggested.

"No, no, no!" he exclaimed, getting so upset his Groucho glasses nearly fell off. "I need you to help me put together a trade between the Nets and the GW Colonials. Specifically, we want to give GW back Yinka Dare in exchange for Alexander Koul."

"Watchoo talkin' about, Willis?" I flashed back to summer, a year and a half ago, listening to my foolish Net fan friends in New Jersey, mistakenly thinking Yinka would be able to make a contribution his rookie year.

"Let's say, best-case scenario, that Dare is playing 20 minutes a night, and contributing 15 points, 10 rebounds a night," they said, all starry-eyed about the Nigerian giant.

"Later that afternoon, Mark Fuhrman is elected President of the NAACP and Arlen Specter gets more than five percent in a Republican primary. Tell me another one." I laughed all year long.

Reed began to rant. "How were we supposed to know Yinka was so raw? That he was injury-prone? That he would play three

minutes all year? That he wasn't worth the \$87,954 per minute we were paying him? That he would take time off to star in that awful Kevin Bacon movie, *The Air Up There*?"

"You did know Yinka was a sophomore when you picked him?"

"Well, yeah, but, but, how were we supposed to know a 20-year-old body would be incapable of withstanding the pounding of going against Patrick Ewing and Dennis Rodman every other night?"

"I don't know, common sense, maybe." Actually, I felt bad for the poor general manager. "Well, how do you expect to manage this trade? You can't send a professional player back to college, and the Colonials would never give up Sasha Koul."

"They wouldn't?" he asked. "Not even if we threw in Jayson Williams?"

"He means too much to the University," I said. "The Dog Pound loves chanting Koooooooouuuuu!"

It's rumored that President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg wants to start a Belarussian Cultural Studies department. Alumni are learning how to cheer in Russian. He's so cool, other universities like UNC-Charlotte are recruiting players who have the same name. Besides, he's finally growing his

hair in."

"Oh, well," Willis groaned. "I suppose Yinka's limited productivity is just a signal to professional basketball that our recruitment procedures have to get under control, or else we'll soon be scouting junior highs."

—Jim Geraghty

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GW cheerleaders heading to ESPN

BY EMILY DANYLUK
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

You've seen them on the sidelines at basketball games. Their rah-rahs and pom-poms are frequently taken for granted as part of GW's prime-time basketball atmosphere.

But the GW cheerleading team has more to it this season than most fans may realize. "We're here to support the teams, but we are still doing a lot of ourselves," said first-year cheerleader Pete Marquez.

They won't be doing as much traveling as in the past, thanks to an Atlantic 10 conference decision barring travel to conference games. However, cheerleading head coach John Kelley stressed that the cheerleaders would be present at any men's or women's post-season appearances to cheer on the basketball teams.

Any traveling the team misses will be more than compensated for when it journeys to Florida for the Universal Cheerleaders Association Competition.

"If anyone's seen the cheerleading competition on ESPN — that's the one we're going to," Kelley explained. He competed there in his days as a cheerleader with George Mason University in 1990, when his team earned first place in its

division.

The GW cheerleaders earned their spot in the second round by submitting a tape during the open round. They are now ranked 12th for the second round in a division usually containing about 30 to 40 teams. If they make it to the third and final round, they will appear on ESPN.

Kelley said the competition will entail "a lot of team effort, hours and sweat. Our primary role is to support the men's and women's basketball teams, so our training only enhances that. One of the things that affects your score is how you affect the crowd."

"I'm ecstatic about going to nationals," senior Shawn Martin said. "It's been a goal of mine the three years I've been cheering at GW, and I'm finally doing it my senior year."

Junior Dianne Gayoski spoke for the entire team. "We're really excited to compete at nationals and we hope everyone will support us."

Marquez had a different view of the situation, adding that "We're all self-motivators and self-starters — that's one of the things I learned from the team."

Athletic Director Jack Kvancz also stressed their positive side. "They're great. We're really happy to have them."



Colonials may get Rogers

BY SCOTT GASTEL
Hatchet Sports Writer

Colonial men's basketball recruits have already made their presence felt at practice and in an exhibition game this season. They are prepared to play a critical role all year.

However, this freshman class could become even stronger by January, depending upon the eligibility of point guard recruit Shawnta Rogers.

Rogers signed with GW May 4, but he failed to meet academic eligibility requirements. Rogers scored 10 points under the 700 minimum on the SAT on one attempt, and failed to meet the requirement on his next attempt in April. He was listed as a GW recruit in several newspapers and recruiting magazines.

Yet, the 1995-96 men's media guide fails to give any mention of Rogers' status. "There is nothing to say as of now. There will be a statement made if and when the appropriate time arrives," head coach Mike Jarvis said.

This fall, Rogers took both the ACT and SAT again, and the results of those tests may determine his eligibility status for next semester.

The presence of Rogers would help fill the point guard vacancy left by the graduation of Omo Moses, and would add depth to the Colonial squad.

Upon signing, Rogers told the Baltimore Sun, "George Washington has a quality program and coach Jarvis made me feel comfortable around him. The school is close enough for my family and friends to be able to see me play."

Rogers, who is not an enrolled student, is a Muggsy Bogues-like guard out of Lake Clifton high school in Baltimore. He rated among the nation's top playmakers a year ago, but was overlooked by many scouts due to his 5-5 stature. GW beat out

California, Clemson, Dayton, Maryland, Nebraska and Xavier universities in the recruiting battle for Rogers.

In his senior season, Rogers averaged 24.2 points, 9.5 assists, 6.5 rebounds and 4.3 steals. He was named All-American as well as Baltimore Player of the Year by the Baltimore Sun.

Although University and team officials will not comment on his status, there is substantial evidence that Rogers could be suiting up for the Colonials by early January. Rogers has been seen on campus several times accompanying Colonial players. The July 23, 1995 issue of the Baltimore Sun said that Rogers and senior Kwame Evans are cousins, while an article in the May 5, 1995 issue described them as longtime friends who have "played recreation and AAU basketball together."

After signing with GW, Rogers told the Sun he had been around Evans the week he visited, but Evans didn't influence his decision.

Scouts and coaches have often compared Rogers to Bogues due to his height, hometown (Baltimore) and playing style. However, many say Rogers has better offensive skills than Bogues.

Baltimore's Dunbar high school head coach Pete Pompey compared him to Houston Rockets guard Sam Cassell. "Shawnta is a mix between a point guard and a shooting guard."

In his first-ever high school varsity game, Rogers, then a freshman, scored 38 points. This season, he played against Georgia Tech University freshman sensation Stephon Marbury when Lake Clifton played Brooklyn Lincoln in a tournament. Rogers held his own and came away with 15 points.

Rogers' first national headline came on July 26, 1989 in USA Today, when at age 13 he was named All-America at the AAU

Women set for success

BY ROB HENDIN
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

When the Colonial Women take the court this season, they will be in a new classification of teams. For the first time, GW is an experienced member of the "Sweet 16."

This year, under head coach Joe McKeown, they're looking to improve on that accomplishment, despite losing its two all-time leading scorers and two other outstanding players to graduation.

"We had four seniors last year. Our two all-time leading scorers — Debbie Hemery and Darlene Saar — guard Cathy Neville, and center Martha Williams," McKeown said. "We're losing a lot, but what that does is create some opportunities for other people."

The team will be led by junior Tajama Abraham, who averaged 13.8 points per game last year and was the Atlantic 10's leading shot blocker each of the last two years. Other returnees include senior forward Lei Hart, senior guard Myriah Lonergan, junior Colleen McCrea, junior Lisa Cermignano and sophomore Amy Atcher. Together, they will try to put together the team's sixth-straight 20-win season.

"I think that each year, each team is different. The team we have right now I think will be much more team-oriented, where in the past two years we could really depend on individuals," McKeown said. "This group has to be very united and that's going to be a big key for us. It may seem philosophical, but we are really going to have to learn how to play together and know each other's strengths and weaknesses."

The rest of the A-10, including the new teams, also pose a threat to GW's stardom. "Virginia Tech and La Salle both had great years last year. There's been some coaching changes at Xavier, but they've been an NCAA tournament team. Fordham has been an NCAA Tournament team and Duquesne should be the most improved team in the conference," McKeown predicted. "So, there's nothing easy in the conference, every game's going to be somewhat of a war."

Junior National Olympic Basketball Tournament in Indianapolis.

He was once quoted as saying, "I feel good about myself. You get used to the size. I've always had it. When I was born, I was the smallest person in the hospital, so a doctor called me Nut (for Peanut)."

Rogers is not allowed to practice with the team until he has qualified and enrolled. GW is now

under the NCAA limit for scholarship players with 11. It is possible that the 12th spot was not filled because Rogers may enroll.

Had Rogers been admitted in September, he would have fallen under NCAA ineligibility rules and would have been forced to sit out the year. By not enrolling, however, the chance still exists that he can enter next school semester and qualify to play.

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SPOTLIGHT

Black and Jewish students join to discuss cultural relationships

BY LISA GUTMAN
HATCHET REPORTER

It was about understanding the differences that exist between cultures. It was about accepting the different races and religions. It was about exploring African-American and Jewish relations.

That was the stated goal of a program organized by SHADES of the Fine Arts and Hillel. And, as participants believe, that is exactly what happened.

This summer, SHADES' Vice President of Theater Kerry Washington and Jill Yanofsky, head of Jewish Campus Service Corps, said they discussed providing students with a means of learning about African-American and Jewish relationships through friendly dialogue.

What better way to do so, they said, than through theater. Twenty-four participants viewed two plays, one of an African-American background and one of a Jewish background, in order to better understand various cultures and ways of living.

The program began Oct. 29, when students convened at Hillel's Gewirz Center prior to the first play, "Holiday Heart." The students were encouraged by Washington and Yanofsky to get to know one another better by interviewing the people sitting around them.

Students discussed the reasons why they chose to participate in the program. Some said they

enjoyed theater, had an interest in learning more about the other culture or just wanted to see what it would be like.

The participants proceeded to the play at the Arena Stage, where they viewed a dramatic presentation of a play that focused on a young black girl's life. After the play, the students discussed their feelings and opinions about the play.

Several students felt that issues in the play, such as poverty and drug-abuse in inner-city areas, directly applied to African-Americans, while others felt the issues of the play could apply to any family of any race.

"I think that the play could have been based on any family, of any background, because the elements that led to the family's demise, such as the use of drugs, could occur in any family. I did not see race as a factor," a participant said during a game played following the show.

The program continued Nov. 5 with a discussion about the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The participants were mainly distressed, since they felt it concerned "people killing their own people." The participants agreed that Rabin's assassination was not just a "Jewish thing," because it happens in many cultures and races throughout the world.

One student pointed out in the discussion that "people in the world have to learn that everyone

has to live together. People may just as well live peacefully."

"It's about changing, conforming and compromising," another participant said. "If people would maintain their own beliefs, but respect other people's customs and beliefs as well, the world would be more accepting of various cultures."

Following the discussion, students went to Theater J to view the first production of Jewish play "Nano and Nicki," about a Jewish girl and her grandmother. Not only were Jewish issues brought up in the play, but the issue of the clash between generations was touched upon as well.

A discussion was held after the show in which the director and cast of the play shared their beliefs and opinions with the audience regarding African-American and Jewish relations. One cast member explained that it is difficult for people to accept changes in the world and still feel comfortable with one's identity.

People in the group then questioned what could be done to promote better relations between African-Americans and Jews. Proposed solutions consisted of explaining to others the importance of being open-minded and of realizing and accepting that different races and religions have differing perspectives on various subjects.

"We should interact with other people and tell them about the plays we saw, and how we felt. We

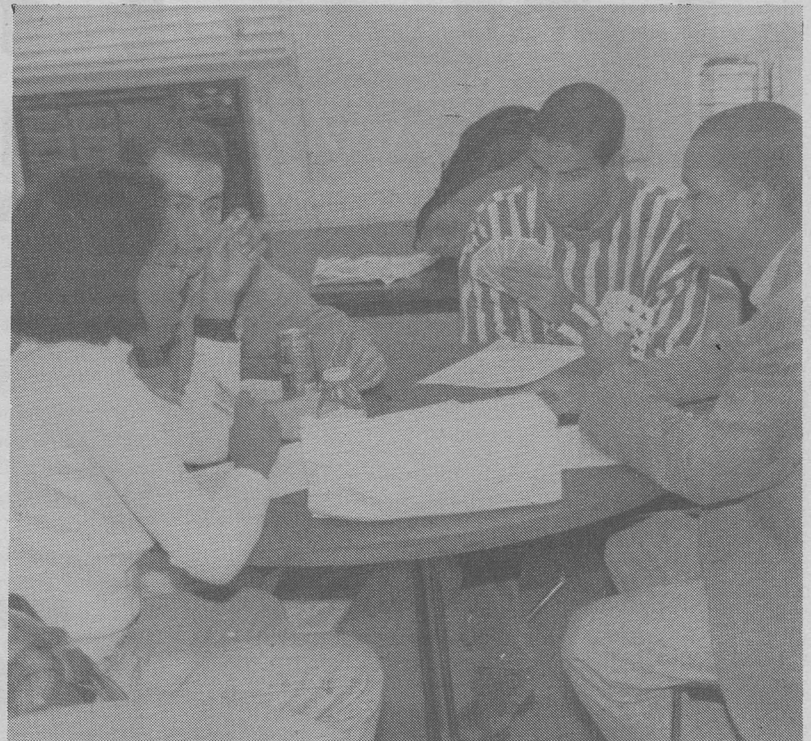


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Students take a gamble as part of a discussion of African-American and Jewish relations.

should teach them about the various cultures," one participant suggested in the discussion.

Yanofsky said she felt the program was successful and she was happy with its results. "The group became very close," she said. "I would like to encourage them to work together in the future and not forget the warm feelings they had after seeing the plays."

Michael Weitz, a participant in the program, also commented on the program's success. "The medium of theater was an excellent choice. Everyone was really con-

ducive to it. Those who participated were really eager and open-minded."

"I think the program was great," participant Leslie Young said. "I learned a lot from it. The people were all very vocal and I liked that everyone willingly shared their opinions."

The program concluded with hopes for better relations between African-Americans and Jews in the future. The group hopes to convene again to teach others what they have learned by acting out skits and scenarios.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Academic program: Symposium on Social Change, Marvin Center 403&405, 6-8pm.

AT&T International Communication Forum, Cybercitizenry: How to put an entire country on-line, Marvin Center Ballroom, 7pm.

Academic Program: Democracy and the New Telecommunications Network, Academic Center T640, 3pm refreshments, 3:30pm presentation.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Ambassador Lecture Series: His Excellency Yuli Mikhailovich Vorontsov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation, Marvin Center Ballroom, 4:30pm, reception to follow.

NOVEMBER 16

Fall Dance Concert, *The Gospel According to...*, Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, 8pm, through November 18

NOVEMBER 17

Opera Theatre Workshop, Academic Center B120, 7:30pm.

NOVEMBER 18

Tour of Historic Foggy Bottom, 11:30am.

Opera Theatre Workshop production, *Dues Nobis Fiducia*, Academic Center B120, through November 19.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

The Rally for Pure Love, sponsored by C.A.R.P., Lafayette Park, 2pm. Info, 301-422-8266.

Workshop: summer option, the Career Center, Academic Center T-509, 4-5:30pm. Info, 994-6495.

MSA Board of Chaplains Dinner, Marvin Center 406, 6pm. Info, Omer, 703-422-1026.

Women on Weights, Thurston Hall Piano Lounge, 7pm. Info, 994-8000.

BPU general body meeting, Marvin Center 5A (formerly George's), 8:30pm. Info, 994-7321.

Community Relations meeting, Marvin Center 424, 9pm. Info, Q, 994-7100.

Class Committee of 1997 meeting, Marvin Center 5B (formerly George's) 9:15pm. Info, Chava, 994-6710.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Blood Pressure Screening, Smith Center Box Office Lobby, 11am-1pm. Info, 994-8000.

Healthy Back Program, Smith Center Letterman's Room, 12pm. Info, 994-8000.

Study Abroad general information session, Stuart Hall B03-H, 2:30pm. Info, 994-1649.

Workshop: strategies for self-assessment, Career Center, Academic Center T-509, 3-5pm. Info, 994-6495.

GW Academic Success Series: score high on tests, Thurston Hall Piano Lounge, 3:30-5pm. Info, 994-6550.

Stress Management Workshop, University Counseling Center, 718 21st St., 3:55-4:55pm. Info, 994-6550.

Workshop: handling salary issues, Career Center, Academic Center T-509, 5:30-7pm. Info, 994-6495.

Medical Miracles in Islam, Marvin Center 404, 6:30pm. Info, 342-6167.

Muslim Student Association sisters' meeting, Marvin Center 4th floor, 7-8pm. Info, sultana@gwis2.

Open Forum, Marvin Center 406, 7pm. Info, Omer, & 703-422-1026.

Cybercitizenry: How to put an entire country on-line, Marvin Center Ballroom, 7pm. Info, 994-6227.

GW Choice First and Right to Life debate, Marvin Center 414, 8:30-9:30pm. Info, Elise, 835-0966.

Coping with Anxiety, University Counseling Center, 718 21st St., time TBA. Info, Brian Victor or Anne Mills, 994-6550.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Study Abroad general information session, Stuart Hall B03-H, 11am. Info, 994-1649.

Prepare bag lunches for the homeless, Gelman Yard, 12-2pm. Info, 994-9627.

Workshop: researching internships, Career Center, Academic Center T-509, 1-2pm. Info, 994-6495.

MSA Sisters' Meeting, Marvin Center 415, 3-4pm & 4-5pm. Info, Sultana, (703) 556-0934.

GW Academic Success Series: understand your textbooks workshop, University Counseling Center, 718 21st St., 4:10-5:50pm. Info, 994-6550.

Ambassador Lecture Series, His Excellency Yuli Mikhailovich Vorontsov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation, Marvin Center Ballroom, 4:30-6pm, reception to follow. Info, Q Golporvar, 994-7313.

Workshop: letters & resumes II, Career Center, Academic Center T-509, 5-6:30pm. Info, 994-6495.

Women in Islam, Prisoners in a Male Dominant Society, Marvin Center 402, 6pm. Info, 342-6167.

Toastmasters, Marvin Center 405, 6:30pm. Info, Eric Opp, 703-277-1395 or Mike Heaney, 364-0446.

Grassroots development and Political Change in Latin America, Marvin Center 401, 6:30pm. Info, Chip, 544-1105.

Bible Study, Board of Chaplains Office, 2131 G St., 8pm. Info, Erin, 994-9627.

Class Committee of 1996 meeting, Marvin Center 404, 8pm. Info, Erika, 994-4837.

Male/Female Relationships, Corcoran Hall 101, 8pm. Info, 994-7321 or 994-3794.

Program Board general meeting, Marvin Center 429, 8:30pm. Info, 994-7313.

Program Board arts committee meeting, Marvin Center 429, 9pm. Info, 994-7313.

LGBA Movie Night, Marvin Center 5B (formerly George's), 8:30pm. Info, 994-7284 or lgba@gwis2.

Class Committee of 1998 meeting, Thurston Hall piano lounge, 9:15pm. Info, Chava, 994-6710.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Free aerobics class, Smith Center, 12pm. Info, 994-8000.

Cooperative Education Orientation, Career Center, Academic Center T-509, 5-6pm. Info, 994-6495.

International Students' Society Cafe Internationale, Building G, 2129 G St., 5-8pm. Info, Danpats, 994-6864.

MBAA new officer training, location TBA, 6pm. Info, 994-8177 or mbaa@gwis2.

Islam and the Media, Marvin Center 406, 7pm. Info, 342-6167.

Internship fair, Marvin Center Colonial Commons, 7:30pm. Info, Doug Minor, 872-8023 or Q, 994-9530.

MBAA membership meeting, location TBA, 8pm. Info, 994-8177 or mbaa@gwis2.

STAR Info session, Visitor's Center, 8pm. Info, 994-6602.

MBAA happy hour, Tequila Grill, 9pm. Info, 994-8177 or mbaa@gwis2.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

MSA Friday prayers, Marvin Center Colonial Commons, 1pm. Info, Omer, 703-422-1026.

Islamic Calligraphy Auction, Marvin Center Colonial Commons, 2:30pm. Info, Omer, 703-422-1026.

Trip to Islamic Center, Marvin Center Colonial Commons, 3:30pm. Info, Omer, 703-422-1026.

STAR Info session, Visitor's Center, 4pm. Info, 994-6602.

Black MBAA happy hour, location TBA, 6pm. Info, 994-8177 or mbaa@gwis2.

Multicultural Party, J Street, 10pm-2am, free to CSA, VAF, & LASA members, \$3 others. Info, 994-0766.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Wado Ryu Karate, Marvin Center 501, 1:30-2:30pm, \$3, free to visitors. Info, 298-6531.

Gospel Choir Concept (A celebration of Song and Praise), Marvin Center Ballroom, 7pm. Info, Mark, 994-9615.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 2210 F St. NW, 11am, 6pm, 10pm. Info, Father Jim Greenfield, 51-6885.

Earthwell meeting, Marvin Center, 6pm. Info, 625-1918.

Students for Environmental Action meeting, Marvin Center 419, 7pm. Info, 625-1918.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OxFam Hunger Awareness Week, November 1-18. Info, 994-6554.

Islam Awareness Week, November 13-17. Info, Omer, 703-422-1026.

"Radio and Television Enter the Home" Colonnade Gallery, through November 22.

Dance Concert, *"The Gospel According to..."* November 16-18, Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, 8pm. Tickets \$5 with GW ID. Info, 994-6178.

Presidential Administrative Fellows info meeting, November 20, Marvin Center 403, 5:30-7pm. Info, SASS, 994-4380.

STAR Info session, November 20, Visitor's Center, 6:30pm. Info, 994-6602.

Sophomore T-Shirt design contest deadline, Rice Hall 401, November 30. Info, Chava, 994-6710.

MSA Info table, every Monday and Thursday, Marvin Center Ground Floor, 11am-5pm. Info, Sultana, 703-556-0934.

MSA prayers, Marvin Center 501, 5 times daily. Info, Sultana, 703-556-0934.

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Forms due in Marvin Center 427 Wednesday at NOON for the following week.

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A Presidential tribute



photo by Claire Duggan

President Clinton joined members of the military Saturday for a Veteran's Day tribute at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

SA panel fails to draw crowd

The Student Association held a Council for Freshman Advising and Colonial Inauguration meeting Nov. 8 as an opportunity for freshmen to share their thoughts with the SA on ways to improve the two programs.

However, the SA had to switch to "Plan B" when no freshmen arrived.

"We had the opportunity to put some input into CI advising, but the longer we wait, the harder it would be to put into action," explained SA undergraduate Sen. Scott Mory (CSAS).

Not deterred by the lack of turnout, the SA mem-

bers discussed their memories of freshman advising and CI, and brainstormed possible improvements.

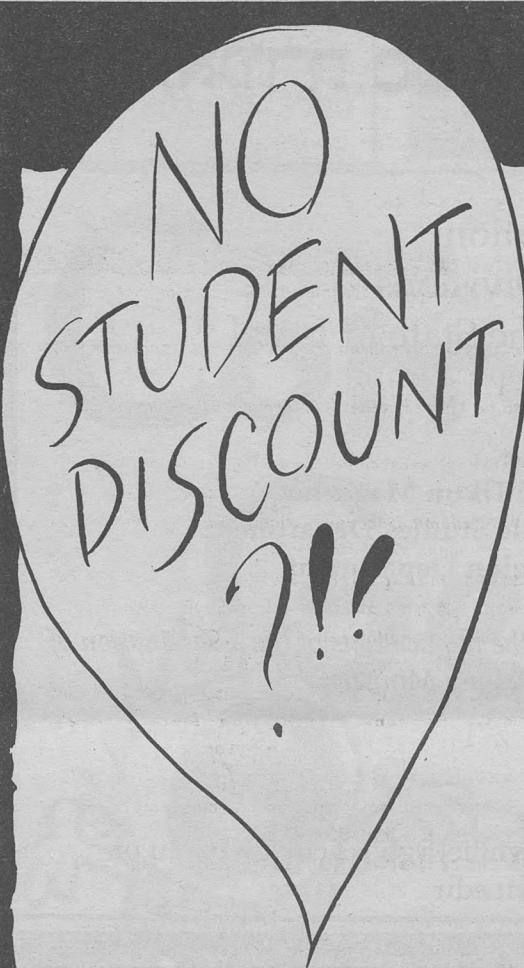
"I think this is a pretty good start," said Georgia Graham, a former member of the Colonial Cabinet.

Mory stressed that although they now have some ideas to start working on, the freshman input is crucial. In fact, he said he hopes to put together a committee of freshmen to help develop more ideas. Another meeting is planned, although the date is not yet set. It will most likely be held in Thurston Hall in an effort to further encourage freshmen to attend.

—Emily Danyluk

CORRECTIONS

In the article "Harding ponders China's future role after Deng" in the Nov. 9 issue of The GW Hatchet, the name of the current president of China should have been spelled Jiang Zemin.



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After a week of unity, serious questions remain

GW wonders if it can ever overcome stereotypes, differences

BY MONIQUE L. HARDING AND
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HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

After Unity Week, seven days of events sponsored to foster a stronger sense of unity at the University, the question still

remains whether a campus as diverse as GW's can ever be unified.

Jason Toney, chair of Program Board's multicultural affairs committee, said the goal of Unity Week is "to make students aware of diversity in GW and celebrate cul-

tures on this campus that are not normally celebrated."

Students' views of Unity Week's purpose differed, however, and so did their feelings about whether it was a success.

"The goal of Unity Week is to bring students together so we can

intermingle as we would with our own race," sophomore Kim Inniss said. But others said the events did not reach their goal of bringing different ethnic groups together.

"Unity Week is fun, but everyone goes to see their friends," said Rania Swadek, a member of the Muslim Student Association who modeled for Common Threads, Monday night's Unity Week fashion show.

Attendance at events seemed to back up Swadek's comment. For instance, the majority of students who attended the Multicultural Dating Game, co-sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, were black.

At the video presentation "South Africa and Israel," about a trip to both nations by black and Jewish students, the audience was composed largely of black and Jewish students.

The Stranger Kind of Lunch, held by senior Ellen Bienstock, was an effort to create discourse between people from different backgrounds. (See story, p. 7.) Students who attended included exchange students from Finland, Korea, Singapore, Chile and Germany, as well as GW students who have studied abroad.

Intercultural communication "is about cultural barriers, not just about other world cultures, but our own subcultures, the perceptions of people in media," senior Josh Gunn said.

Bienstock encouraged discussion comparing educational systems, how people celebrate birthdays and marriage, childhood events such as the first day of school and the different stereotypes Americans have about other cultures — and what other cultures' stereotypes of Americans are.

But most of the international students still said they have difficulty meeting Americans.

Other events included a lecture called Unity in Islam co-sponsored by the Muslim Students Association; Sushi and Origami, an opportunity to experience Japanese culture; and a play called "Colored Museum," which was produced and performed by students.

Students gave different reasons for attending Unity Week events, ranging from free food and the opportunity to mingle with other cultures to being invited by a friend.

"The purpose (of Unity Week) is to help eliminate stereotypes we have about other cultures," said Uzoamaka Nwadigo, who presided over the dating game.

When asked if the campus is unified or separated, many students answered in racial terms. Some on campus suggested that a lack of communication leads to a lack of unity.

"The real reason we're not unified is because we have a serious communication problem," said Father Jim Greenfield, chaplain of the Newman Catholic Student Center. "Trying to communicate activities on a campus-wide basis is a difficult challenge."

"It's always a good thing to have Unity Week, in terms of unifying the campus, because we are celebrating our diversity," said Reverend Laureen Smith of the GW Ecumenical Christian Ministry. "It's always good to celebrate our diversity and our unity."

"But after it's over, we'll go right back to our comfort zone — the people we (are) comfortable with," Inniss added.

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L.A. Times reporter talks of Moscow coup

BY BEN ROSENZWEIG
HATCHET REPORTER

Los Angeles Times Washington correspondent Elizabeth Shogren said she admires the Russian citizens who stood up for freedom during the 1991 coup attempt on elected President Boris Yeltsin.

Shogren, who was covering Moscow at the time, gave her version of events in a speech at the GW Visitors' Center Wednesday.

Shogren's discussion on an eyewitness perspective of the role of ethnic conflict in the fall of the Soviet Union was sponsored by the University Honors Program.

"One of my questions as an American covering the Soviet Union from 1988 until 1992 was, 'Don't Russians need freedom the same as I do?'" Shogren said. "The answer to that question did not come from leaders or the government but through an individual decision that citizens made."

"When I began covering the Soviet Union, there were small indications of a longing for freedom by Russians, such as a folk singer who mocked the government in Puskin Square or a group of demonstrators who were arrested," she said.

But the real litmus test of how far Russians would go in the fight for freedom came in the form of a coup attempt on Yeltsin and the new democratic government.

On Aug. 19, 1991, in Moscow, Shogren went to the Russian Federation Parliament building, now known as the "White House," after hearing rumors of a coup attempt. There she met with Russian officials and Yeltsin only to find out they were also unsure of what was happening.

The only thing they were sure of, she said, was the threatening ring of tanks forming around the building. After they encircled the building, Yeltsin went outside and stood on a tank, asking the people of Russia to come and protect the new democratic government.

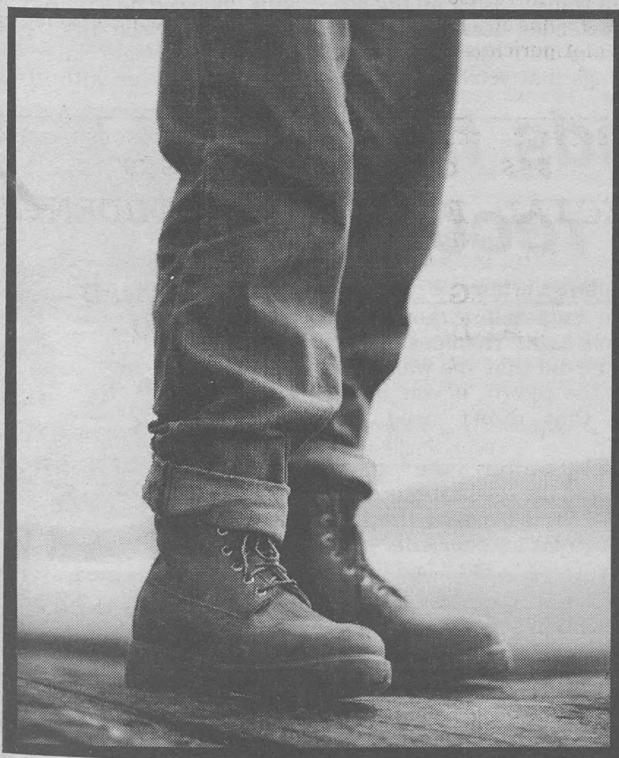
"I remember thinking at this moment that either Russians care about freedom and will take action, or they don't care," Shogren said.

"(But) within minutes there were little crowds rushing toward the White House carrying banners and chanting for Yeltsin."

The average citizens who stood up for Russia's freedom were the ones who stymied the coup and allowed Yeltsin to stay in power, Shogren said.

Although Shogren was in Russia during a time of change most Americans saw as positive, she pointed out that ethnic conflicts became part of life after the breakup of the empire. These cast a negative light on several areas of the former Soviet Union, including Georgia and Chechnya.


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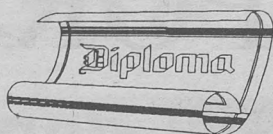
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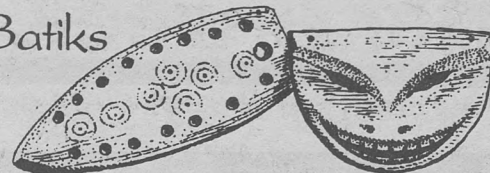
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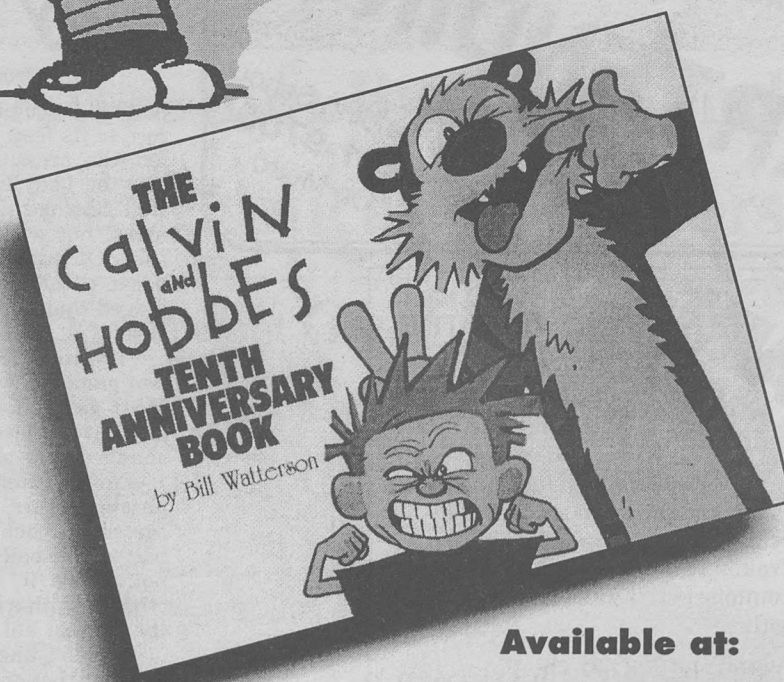
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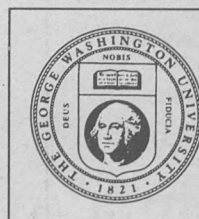
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The GW Columnial

Teamwork helps Sveta reach individual peaks

Writing about a monumental event like Svetlana Vtyurina breaking the NCAA all-time kills record is a travesty in that it invariably seems like trying to upstage the event with description.

As head coach Susie Homan said after the match Saturday night, "It was just a moment that didn't need any words."

However, if one word could be used to describe the legacy that Vtyurina has etched in stone, it would be "teamwork."

No one pretends to upstage the dominating outside hitter, and she in turn does not assume a prima donna presence.

This was evident in Friday's match against a pathetic St. Bonaventure team, as Homan put the team's interests ahead of the record's and pulled Sveta after the second game with only eight kills. The coaching logic looked brilliant in hindsight, but could have endangered Sveta's efforts to break the record at home and definitely was not popular with the fans.

The absolute teamwork ethic was punctuated even further in Saturday's much-anticipated match against Duquesne. Every person who entered the Smith Center knew exactly how many kills Sveta needed, but the coaches and players also knew they had to win the match to keep alive the drive for the NCAA tournament.

Consequently, the cameramen from WJLA-7, "The George Michael Sports Machine" and the 1,090 fans

were treated to two nerve-racking games chock-full of intense play by the Colonial Women.

Instead of setting up plays to get the ball to Sveta right away (Duquesne isn't a great team, but the Lady Dukes were probably told to focus on Sveta), GW simply played as it has every other game this season.

Nearly every player got a kill before Sveta. Hell, I almost got a kill before she notched her first. Instead, she was busy playing defense and pitching in for the team, which distributed the ball effectively. Of course, when the time was right, she got her first and got the crowd into it. Her second was a thunderous blast, and they started raining down after that, much like the storm outside.

Teamwork prevailed as senior Jill Lammert sacrificed herself on a diving dig to get it to Sveta when she had only two to go, and junior Kate Haubenreich gave Sveta the climactic set on the deciding kill.

In another show of teamwork and camaraderie, the men's basketball team's Belorussian recruits staked out their customary place way behind the team bench and cheered like mad in their own theatrical way. However, the fans were there to see only one Eastern European Saturday night, and even they teamed up to provide satisfactorily raucous support for the culmination of one of the greatest team efforts in NCAA history.

—Kynan Kelly

GW dominates as record falls

BY ADAM WILLIS
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

Senior outside hitter Svetlana Vtyurina completed her quest to make NCAA history during Saturday night's home match against Duquesne, smashing her 16th kill of the night and chalking up career kill number 2,933.

With that kill, Vtyurina became the NCAA's most prolific killer in history, surpassing Javonne Brooks of the University of New Orleans, who had the record since 1992.

The Colonial Women dominated both of their matches this weekend, downing the Lady Dukes and St. Bonaventure in three games each.

GW 3, Duquesne 0

The Lady Dukes put up a fight in the third game, but the Colonial Women were not to be denied Saturday, and held on to win in straight games, 15-6, 15-2, 15-11.

It was a perfect atmosphere for the record-breaking kill. Saturday was senior night, marking the final regular-season home appearance for seniors Vtyurina, Jill Lammert, Brenda Paz-Soldan and Khoun Ta.

Halfway into the match's third game, Vtyurina received a set from junior Kate Haubenreich and pounded her way into history.

Players on the court rushed to embrace the newly crowned record-holder. The arena exploded with cheering. The theme music from the movie *The Natural* blared from the loudspeakers as Vtyurina celebrated with her teammates.

"I'm proud of everyone," head coach Susie Homan said. "We had to play well as a team for Sveta to get the record. In the third game everybody got a little bit tight, especially Sveta, when it was just about ready

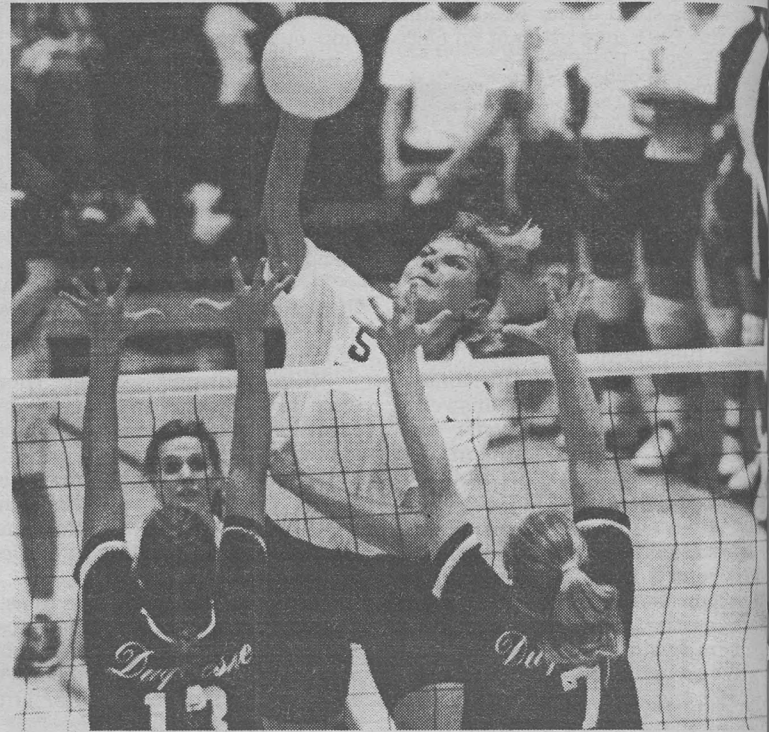


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Svetlana Vtyurina crushes the ball against Duquesne as she captures the record.

to go down. But overall I thought we played well."

For the seniors, Vtyurina finished with 19 kills on the match, tops on the day. Lammert placed second on the team in both kills and digs, chalking up 13 and six, respectively. Paz-Soldan had an assist, a service ace and two digs. Ta finished with a pair of digs.

Homan summed up the evening when she said, "Probably the most important thing ... is for all the people who attended here tonight and were part of it. I think it's one of those things that you'll read in the

paper ... but if you weren't here you don't feel the same excitement."

GW 3, SBU 0

GW had to be looking past the Lady Bonnies. After winning the last meeting 3-0, the match was simply a way to set the stage for the record breaker and a chance to give others some playing time. GW blew SBU out, 15-6, 15-6, 15-8.

Lammert led the way with 11 kills, followed by Vtyurina, who did not play in the third game and nailed only eight kills. Lammert also led the team with 10 digs.

Vtyurina pounds her way to NCAA record

(from p. 1)

historic accomplishment, the crowd rose to its feet. Vtyurina, however, felt the pressure of the moment, and the Lady Dukes responded as well. She had six chances to tie the mark, but was turned away each time. On one attempt, GW players began to celebrate, but the referees judged that Duquesne had made a save.

"I wasn't nervous for the first two games. I was nervous for the third game. I was very nervous, and it showed — two balls shanked," she said.

Finally, after a timeout and two passing errors, Vtyurina sent one across the net. The Lady Dukes batted the ball around, but could not return it, and Vtyurina was credited with a kill. She said it was the hardest kill of the night.

"I didn't know they were going to count that one," she said. "I honestly didn't think so. I can say it was the hardest 16 kills I ever got."

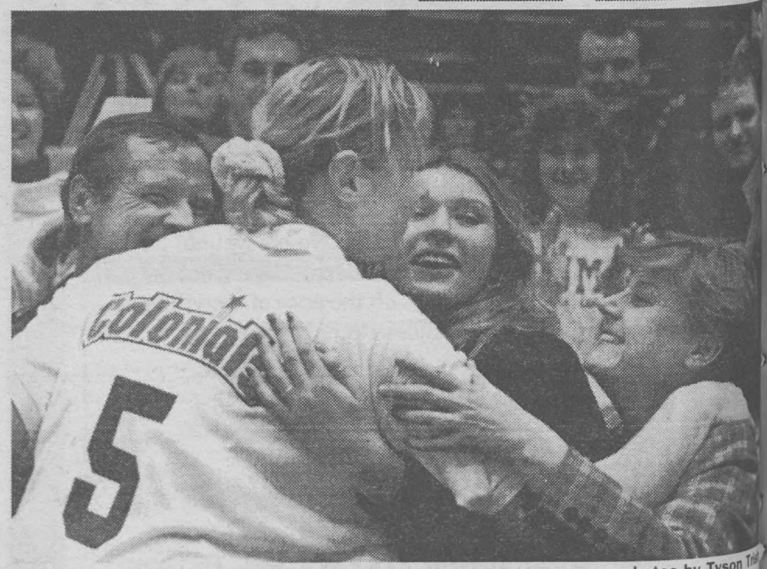
Moments later, Duquesne served to Lammert, who passed to Kate Haubenreich. The setter put the ball up for Vtyurina on the left side of the front line, and Vtyurina made history, crushing the ball right down the middle of the court.

"I put it down without any problem. I just wanted to pound it, that was it. (It was like 20) pounds off

my shoulders."

"I just kept telling her to hit high, swing high," Homan said. "As long as she did that she was going to break the record. It was just a moment that didn't need any words."

Fittingly, after the game resumed and the celebrations came to a close, Vtyurina sent the first ball through for another kill.



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